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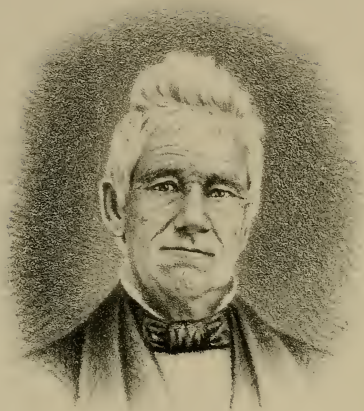
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OF THE

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH,

New Hampshire

CHESHIRE COUNTY, N.H.

WITH THE

REPORT OF ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN 1876; ALSO EMBRACING
GENEALOGIES AND SKETCHES OF FAMILIES FROM
1764 TO 1880.

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PREFACE.

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IN the fall of 1873, I was induced, partly by my own tastes and pleasures, and partly by the earnest request of several citizens and former residents, to commence the collection of items for the History of Marlborough; and now, after more than seven years of labor in this direction, with reluctance I lay down my pen, feeling that, though so much time and labor have been spent in the preparation of this work, it is yet imperfect in many of its details. Still I have done the best I could with the material at hand. He who has not entered upon an undertaking of this kind can form no adequate idea of the vast amount of labor required to complete it. The work has been delayed beyond expectations and to the disappointment of many; but it must be remembered that the writer is one of that unfortunate class who is dependent on his own hands for support, and therefore has been unable to devote his whole time to this work, as he has received no aid financially.

The town loaned him a sum not exceeding \$1,000, which is to be refunded from the sale of the book. Many of the following pages have been compiled at night after toiling ten hours at my handicraft.

I would acknowledge my indebtedness to Hon. Isaac Hammond, Deputy Secretary of State; to Elisha O. Woodward and George G. Davis, Town Clerks of Marlborough, who have been most obliging and helpful to me; also to

John J. Allen, Registrar of Deeds for Cheshire County, Rev. Dr. Sullivan H. McColleston, Hon. Rufus S. Frost, Charles K. Mason, Jairus Collins, Daniel W. Tenney, and others, who have shown me great kindness and encouragement.

And, now, I respectfully submit these pages to the people of Marlborough, hoping they will be charitably received; and, if the readers find as much pleasure in perusing, as I have in compiling this volume, I shall feel in some measure repaid for my extreme anxiety and protracted toil.

CHARLES A. BEMIS.

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SITUATION AND BOUNDARY.

THE town of Marlborough in Cheshire County, New Hampshire, is situated in latitude $42^{\circ} 54'$, and longitude $4^{\circ} 49'$. It is bounded on the north by Roxbury; east by Harrisville, Dublin, and Jaffrey; south by Troy, and west by Troy, Swanzey, and Keene. Its distance from Keene is five miles, from Concord fifty miles, and from Boston ninety-three miles.

SURFACE AND GEOLOGY.

The surface of Marlborough is greatly diversified with hills and valleys. Some portions of it are truly romantic and picturesque. It is almost surprising that within an area of thirteen thousand square acres, there should be such a diversity of highland and lowland, forests, and clearings. With truth we can say that Nature has smiled propitiously upon this town, filling it with her choicest charms and attractions, beauties and sublimities.

Its geological formation is made up mostly of the primitive rock. The outcropping ledges being numerous, are composed of granite. Geology would call ours the "everlasting hills," having existed from the very beginning of the world's history. The drift, or loose formation, is composed largely of silicates. The deposits give evidence of glacial, aqueous, and iceberg action. The grooves cut into the highest ledges, and holes worn into the granite, show the result of long-continued water-action. The minerals consist mainly of granite, gneiss, granular and rose quartz, feldspar, mica, beryl, garnets, and plumbago. The gneiss has been quarried extensively for building purposes. The granite ledges upon the Stone Hill are of great value.

The sedimentary rocks are made up of sand, clay, and peat. The soil is best adapted to grazing. The farms under good cultivation yield fair crops of Indian corn, oats, potatoes, rye, and barley. Those who are tilling their farms after modern methods, guided by the science of agriculture, are proving that systematic farming is no humbug, but is certain to result in good buildings, rich fields, fine stock, and independence of living.

CLIMATE.

The air of this town is usually pure possessing tonic properties. The elevation is such that even in the hottest days in July and August it is seldom sultry. Of course the winters are long, and the snows are frequently deep and drifted. The extensive growth of forests, no doubt, has much to do in moderating the air during summer and winter.

TREES AND FRUITS.

Some of the principal forest trees are the oak, beech, birch, sugar-maple, elm, cherry, hemlock, pine, larch, and spruce.

Orchards are quite abundant in Marlborough. The apple and pear trees are sure to yield here, if they do anywhere in this vicinity. The orchardists count largely on the income from their fruit trees.

The peach, cherry, and grape do well here in certain localities. This town is highly favored with wild fruits. The blueberry, huckleberry, blackberry, raspberry, and strawberry are usually plenty in their season. Some years large quantities are shipped to distant markets. It is seldom a season passes without a supply of wild fruit sufficient to meet all home demands.

The flora here is very full. The botanist finds a great variety of plants, all the way from the delicate mosses and ferns in the deep dells to the Alpine flowers upon the highest elevations.

PONDS.

The Stone Pond situated in the east part of Marlborough, is its largest body of water; it is about three-fourths of a mile in length and one-third of a mile in width; its elevation is some two thousand feet above the level of the sea. Its water is clear and sparkling. Its native fish were trout; seventy-five years ago large quantities of them were caught from it, weighing from three to

four pounds each. At length the pond was stocked with pickerel, and the trout since that have nearly disappeared. The pickerel grow to a large size. The yellow perch are now its most abundant fish.

The scenery just around this pond and in the distance can scarcely be surpassed. Were it located in Italy or Switzerland, it surely would have been famous in song and story; it would have been possessed of as many charms and beauties as Luzerne or Como.

The Cummings Pond in the north part of the town, is about three-fourths of a mile long and one-fourth of a mile wide. No doubt it was formerly much larger than at the present time. Trout were once common in this pond, but now pickerel, pouts, and shiners seem to monopolize its waters. Through the ice hundreds of pickerel have been caught from it in a single day.

The Clapp Pond is in the north-east part of the town. It is not as large as the Cummings Pond, but more depressed. Its waters are not so clear as those of the Stone Pond. Its fish consist mainly of pickerel and pouts.

The Meeting-house Pond, near where the old meeting-house stood, occupies an area of one hundred square acres, including the open water and what is grown over with bog. This pond has long been a favorite resort for fishing. Its waters have been prolific of pickerel and catfish.

STREAMS AND BROOKS.

The largest stream is the Minniwawa. Its head waters are in Nelson and Dublin. Flowing through a very broken country, it is subject to sudden rise and fall of water; still, by the means of reservoirs and ponds, it is supplied with power sufficient for extensive manufactories of woolen goods, wooden wares, and for grinding grain. With propriety it may be called the mother of our present thriving village. It has been faithful in driving saws, spindles, and millstones so as to supply work for many active minds and busy hands.

Its falls and basin, a short distance above the village, are natural curiosities, of special interest to lovers of the grand and beautiful.

Another stream is known as the South Branch, which is about the size of the Minniwawa. Its current is rapid and its bed very stony. Its waters have been utilized to some extent in propelling lathes and saws.

There are several brooks in town, which are supplied with pure cold water, furnishing countless haunts for finny tribes.

ZOOLOGICAL HISTORY.

Though in the early history of this town, bears, wolves, panthers, and deer, were numerous, still these all disappeared long since, leaving only traditions of their feats and cruelty. Within the remembrance of some who are living, beavers and minks were quite common, but now it is seldom one is seen or caught. Foxes are numerous; they seem strongly attached to our hills and dales. They appear to lose none of their sagacity or cunning, as civilization presses upon them. They evidently enjoy turkeys and chickens with as good relish, as they did pheasants and conies. The woodchucks hold in their possession at present as much real estate as they did fifty or a hundred years ago. In spite of guns, dogs, and traps, they have kept their stock unimpaired and undiminished. Rabbits frequent our glades and thickets. Red, grey, and chippering squirrels inhabit our woods and forests. We are all apprized now and then that skunks are around, and are free to lend their influence to friend or foe. Rats and mice cling to our homes with fondest attachments, assuring us that their race is not yet run.

Hawks whistle and crows caw now as they did, when the whoop of the Indian and the bark of the wolf echoed among the hills and valleys. During some seasons, wild pigeons flock to our fields and woods in large numbers. Ducks swim our ponds, partridges beat our logs and whirl through the leafy boughs, and the owls hoot as they did, when the axe of the early settlers first rang from our highlands and by our streams. The robin, the oriole, the bluebird, the phebe, the wren, the lark, the bobolink, the nightingale, the thrush, the ground-bird, the hair-bird, the king-bird, and the humming-bird, are with us every year to furnish change and enchantment.

CHAPTER I.

THE MASONIAN CHARTER.

LAND IN NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANTED TO CAPT. JOHN MASON. — NEW HAMPSHIRE BECOMES A PART OF MASSACHUSETTS. — THE GRANT TO JOHN TUFTON MASON CONFIRMED. — NEW HAMPSHIRE BECOMES A SEPARATE PROVINCE. — CONFLICT OF TITLES. — THE MASONIAN PROPRIETORS. — THE CURVED LINE. — HISTORICAL ERROR RELATIVE TO THE GRANT OF MONADNOCK, No. V. — THE CHARTER. — PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP. — FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR. — NEW PROPRIETORS. — FIRST MEETING. — DRAWING OF THE LOTS. — FIRST ROADS.

DURING the reign of King James I. of England, a council was established which had the control of a large territory including all of New England. One of the most active members of this council was Capt. John Mason who was born at Lynn Regis, in the County of Norfolk, England, about the year 1570.

Soon after his appointment as a member of this council, he was chosen their secretary. Finding himself thus placed in the front rank of those who were interested in promoting discoveries and encouraging settlements in North America, he determined not only to countenance these enterprises, but also to embark his fortunes and devote his time to the business.

In March, 1621, he procured from the council a grant of land which included a portion of New Hampshire lying east of the Merrimac River. In 1629, the council granted to Capt. Mason all the land "from the middle of Piscataqua River, and up the same to the farthest head thereof, and from thence north-westward until sixty miles from the mouth of the harbor are finished; also through Merrimac River to the farthest head thereof, and so forward up into the land westward until sixty miles are finished; and from thence to

cross overland to the end of sixty miles accounted from the mouth of Piscataqua River." This grant is connected with the history of Marlborough, as it was for many years supposed that the patent line was the western boundary of the town.

This tract of land was called New Hampshire, the name being derived from the County of Hampshire in England. Soon after this grant was obtained, the towns of Portsmouth, Dover, Hampton, and Exeter, were laid out; but the attempts at settlement were not successful. Capt. Mason died, November 16, 1635, leaving the greater part of his estate in New Hampshire to his grandson, Robert Tufton, taking the name of Mason. In 1638, the widow of Capt. Mason, who was executrix of his will, sent over Francis Norton as her "general attorney," to whom she committed the whole management of the estate. But the expense so far exceeded the income that she was soon obliged to give up the care of the plantation and tell the servants that they must shift for themselves; and they immediately took their share of the goods and cattle.

These servants were Danes, and it may truly be said that they were the pioneers of the great lumber business of New Hampshire and Maine. In 1641, all the settlements in New Hampshire, by a voluntary act, submitted to Massachusetts, and were comprehended in the County of Norfolk, which extended from the Merrimac to the Piscataqua River. This union lasted about forty years; and although it was noticed by the heirs of Mason, yet they were prevented from taking any legal action in regard to it, for reason of the civil war then raging in England.

As the family of Mason had always been attached to the royal cause, they could expect no favors during the Protectorate of Cromwell; but no sooner was Charles II. restored to the throne than Robert Tufton Mason petitioned to the crown for a restoration of his rights. This petition was referred to Sir Geoffrey Palmer, the Attorney-General, who reported that "Robert Mason, the grandson and heir of Capt. John Mason, had a good and legal title

to the province of New Hampshire." Nothing effective, however, was done to restore to him his claim.

In 1680 New Hampshire was by royal commission separated from Massachusetts and made a distinct province. The new government consisted of a president and council appointed by the king, and a house of representatives chosen by the people.

At this time the whole number of voters in the province was two hundred and nine, all in the four towns of Portsmouth, Dover, Exeter, and Hampton. In the first Assembly the whole number of representatives was eleven,—three each from Portsmouth, Dover, and Hampton, and two from Exeter.

In the latter part of the year 1681, Mason came over from England, empowered by the king to take a seat in the council. He now attempted to enforce his claims in an arbitrary manner, by compelling the people to take leases of him; but his claims were resisted, not only by the people, but by the officers of the government: and, finding that he had lost all countenance and support from the council, he returned to England. After this he made several attempts to compel the people to take leases of him, but was unsuccessful.

He then commenced suits against several prominent men for holding lands and selling timber; and in these cases, although a verdict was obtained in his favor, yet he could find no purchaser for his lands, and the defendants were permitted to enjoy them as before.

In 1688, Mason died leaving two sons, John and Robert, heirs to the claim. They soon sold their right to Samuel Allen of London for £750. Allen attempted to enforce his claims, but met with no better success than his predecessors. At last, Allen being poor and somewhat advanced in years, proposed to compromise, but died before any definite action was taken.

His son, Thomas Allen, renewed the suits, but died in 1715 without establishing his claim. When the province was sold to Allen the bargain was made in England, and

the lands were by fiction of law supposed to be there, and the process respecting the fine and recovery was carried on in the court of the king's Bench.

During the lives of the two Masons, no notice was taken of the supposed flaw. The brothers returned to America. John died childless; Robert married and had a son named John Tufton Mason who after the death of his father, conceived hopes of invalidating Allen's claims, on account of the informality attending the purchase, but died in 1718, without having accomplished his purpose. He left two sons, John Tufton Mason and Thomas Tufton Mason. John Tufton Mason, the elder of the two brothers, became of age about the year 1738, at the time when the controversy between the provinces respecting the southern boundary of New Hampshire was renewed and brought to a crisis.

While this dispute was pending, the agent of New Hampshire, Thomlinson made an agreement with Mason in behalf of that province for the purchase of his whole interest, for one thousand pounds, New England currency. This agreement was put into the hands of the governor who laid it before the House. It lay on the table for some time without any formal notice. In the meantime Mason had suffered a fine and recovery in the courts of New Hampshire, by which he could convey his interest in fee.

He also presented a memorial to the Assembly, in which he told them that he would wait no longer, and that unless they would come to a decision he should take their silence as a refusal, intimating at the same time that, if they would not ratify the agreement, a sale would be made to other parties. After considerable delay, the House came to the resolution "that they would comply with the agreement," and chose a committee to complete the purchase with Mason; but they were too late; for on the same day, January, 30, 1746, he had by deed of sale, for fifteen hundred pounds currency, conveyed his whole interest to twelve persons, in fifteen shares.

The purchasers who are known as the MASONIAN PROPRIETORS, were Theodore Atkinson, three-fifteenths; Mark

H. Wentworth, two-fifteenths; Richard Wibird, John Wentworth (son of the governor), George Jaffrey, Nathaniel Meserve, Thomas Packer, Thomas Wallingford, Jotham Odiorne, Joshua Pierce, Samuel Moore, and John Moffatt, one-fifteenth each.

All the aforesaid gentlemen were residents of Portsmouth except Thomas Wallingford who was of Somersworth, and Thomas Packer of Greenland. These grantees immediately relinquished all claims, except to the unoccupied portions of the territory,—a course which was highly satisfactory to the people. That portion in the vicinity of the Monadnock being still uninhabited was claimed by the Masonian Proprietors.

Previous to the granting of townships from their possessions, the number of shares was increased to eighteen, and nine more persons were admitted into the association. The new members were as follows: John Rindge, Joseph Blanchard, Daniel Pierce, John Tufton Mason, John Thomlinson, Matthew Livermore, William Parker, Samuel Solley, and Clement March. Soon after the Masonian Proprietors had taken their deed, they began to grant townships, and continued to do so to petitioners, often without fees, and always without quit rents.

They early directed their attention to the lands around Monadnock, which they laid out into eight townships, as follows: Rindge was Monadnock No. 1; Jaffrey (sometimes called Middletown) was Monadnock No. 2 (or Middle Monadnock); Dublin (or North Monadnock) was Monadnock No. 3; Fitzwilliam (sometimes called Stoddard's town) was Monadnock No. 4; Marlborough was Monadnock No. 5; Nelson (formerly called Packersfield), Monadnock No. 6; Stoddard (which was known as Limerick) was Monadnock No. 7; and Washington (once Camden) was Monadnock No. 8.

These townships were granted to different parties on condition that they fulfilled certain stipulations. The laying out of these was, however, the source of a controversy respecting the western boundary of Mason's Patent

which was for many years supposed to be on the west line of Marlborough.

By early measurements, however, it was discovered that only a part of Rindge and Jaffrey was included within the patent, and that Dublin, Fitzwilliam, Marlborough, Nelson, Stoddard, and Washington were wholly without its limits. The Masonian Proprietors had granted all these townships, but, finding they had gone beyond the limits of their charter, they laid claim to the extraneous territory, and successfully maintained the control of the townships in dispute during many years of controversy.

The original grant to Mason describes an extent of "sixty miles from the sea, on each side of the Province, and a line to cross over from the end of one line of sixty to the end of the other." The Masonians claimed that this cross line "should be a *curve*, because no other line would preserve the distance of sixty miles from the sea in every part of their western boundary."

They also claimed that the south-west corner of Fitzwilliam was the termination of sixty miles from the sea; and then, by making a *curved line*, they would embrace the eight Monadnock townships. Several of the more northern townships had been granted by the crown, and a bitter conflict of grants ensued, which did not end until after the close of the Revolution, when the Legislature took up the matter, and, after a hearing of the conflicting interests, ordered a survey to be made, by running a line of "sixty miles from the Atlantic Ocean on the eastern and southern boundaries of the State, and a straight line from the end of one, sixty miles to the end of the other." "The termination of sixty miles, or the south-west corner of Mason's grant, was found to be at lot No. 18, in Rindge, and one and one-fourth of a mile from the south-west corner of the town, and thence north thirty-nine degrees east, a distance of ninety-three and one-half miles to the end of the eastern boundary."

This ended the contest. The Masonians seeing they could not substantiate their claim, now came forward and purchased of the State all the land included between the

straight and *curved* lines for the sum of forty thousand dollars in public securities and eight hundred dollars in specie.

These Proprietors, at a meeting held in Portsmouth, December, 6, 1751, gave their agent, Joseph Blanchard, Esq., of Dunstable, authority to grant a tract of land by estimation, twenty thousand acres to James Morrison and thirty-three others. This tract, or township, was called Monadnock No. V. Keen-sighted gazetteers and historians who give town statistics tell us that Marlborough was first granted by charter, April, 29, 1751, to Timothy Dwight and sixty-one others. This is a great error. By referring to Charter Records, Vol. I., p. 71, we find that this does not relate to Marlborough, N.H., but to Marlborough, Vt., which was chartered to Timothy Dwight and his associates by Governor Wentworth, before the separation of the two States, and is consequently entered on our State Records. The following is a copy of the Masonian charter.

THE CHARTER OF MONADNOCK NO. V.

PROVINCE OF }
NEW HAMPSHIRE. }

Pursuant to the Power and Authority Granted and Vested In me the Subscriber by the Proprietors of Land, Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in the Province of New Hamp^e by their Vote Pass'd at their Meeting held at Portsmouth in Said Province the 6th Day of December 1751.

I Do By these Presents on the Terms and Limitation, hereafter Express'd Give and Grant all the right Possession and Property of the Prop^r aforesaid unto James Morrison Jun^r, Archibald Dunlap, Robert Clark, James Lyons, Robert Allen, Andrew Armer, Halbert Morrison, David Morrison, Samuel Morrison, John Morrison, Thomas Morrison, Willi^m Gilmer, John Gilmer, Samuel Allison, Samuel Allison Jun^r, James Willson Jun^r, John Willson, Robert Willson, Thomas Willson, Samuel Willson, Samuel Steel, James Moore, John Warson, John Cochran, Isaac Cochran, Thomas Cochran, Samuel Cochran, Hugh Montgomery, Henry Neal, John Moore, Robert Moore, Samuel Mitchel, Thomas McClary, three Shares Each and To James Willson Sen^r one Share,—of In and To that Tract Of Land or Township Call'd Monadnock Number five—Situate in the Province of New Hamp^e Contain-

ing By Estimation twenty thousand Acres Bounded as followeth,— Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Township Call'd North Monadnock No. three and Ruus from thence—North Eighty Degrees West three Miles and an half To a Beach Tree on the West Line of Masons Patent and from thence Southerly in that Line Seven Miles three Quarters & forty Rods To the North West Corner of the Township Called Monadnock N^o. four from thence—South Eighty Degrees East about four Miles by the North Line of Said No. four till it Come to the West Line of Monadnock N^o. two and from thence North by the Needle by Monadnock N^o. two and N^o. three To the first Bounds mentioned, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD To them their heirs & assigns on the following Terms Conditions and Limitations that is To Say that within Nine Months from this Date there be One hundred & Twenty three fifty Acre Lotts Lay'd out as Near the Middle the Township In the Best of the Upland as Conveniency Will Admit & Drawn for and that the Remainder of the Township be Divided Into One hundred & Twenty three Shares not Exceeding two Lotts to a share In Such Quantity as the Grantees Agree upon Each Lott & Drawn for within two Years from this Date,

THAT three of the aforesaid Shares be Granted and appropriated free of all Charge One for the first Settled minister One for the Ministry & One for the School those forever One Lott for Each Said Share to be Laid Out Near the Middle of the Town & Lotts Coupled to them So as to Make them Equal with the Rest,

THAT Twenty more of Said Shares be Reserved for the Grantors their heirs and Assigns forever and Acquitted from all Duty & Charge untill Improved by the Owner or Owners or some holding under them Respectively,

THAT the Owners of the Other Rights make Settlement at their Own Expense in the following manner Viz. all the Lotts to be Lay'd out at the Grantees Expense,

THAT all the Lotts in Said Town be Subject to have all Necessary Roads Lay'd out thro' them as there shall be Occasion free from Charge for the Land,

THAT at or Before the Last Day of December 1754 there be three Acres Clered Enclosed and fitted for mowing or Tillage on thirty of the aforementioned Grantees Shares Viz on one Share of Each of the aforementioned Grantees excepting Hugh Montgomery, James Moor & Samuel Steel and from thence annually one Acre more in Like Manner for five years and that Each of the Grantees have a house Built on Some One Lott in Said Township of a Room Sixteen feet Square at the Least Besides the Chimney Way with a Chimney & Cellar fit for Comfortable Dwelling therein In Six Years from the Date hereof and Some Person Inhabiting and Resident In Each house and To Continue Inhabitaney there for four Years then Next Coming and that Within the Term of

twelve Years from this Date there be Seventeen Lotts more Viz one of the Rights of James Morrison, Robert Clark, James Lyons, Robert Allen, Andrew Armer, Halbert Morrison, David Morrison, Samuel Morrison, John Morrison, Thomas Morrison, William Gilmore, John Gilmore, Samuel Allison, James Willson, John Willson, Robert Willson, James Willson Jun^r, have In Like manner five Acres of Land Cler'd Enclosed & fitted as aforesaid Over & above What they are to Do as aforesaid & Each a house in-manner aforesaid & Some Person Inhabiting therein and Continuing Inhabitaney for three Years afterwards there,

THAT a Convenient Meeting house be Built In Said Township within ten Years from this Date and finished as Near the Center of the Township as Conveniency will Admit of to be Determined by a Major Vote of Grantors and Grantees & Ten Acres of Land Reserved there for Public Use,—

THAT the aforesaid Grantees or their Assigns Grant & Assess any Sum or Suns of Money as they shall think Necessary for Carrying forward & Compleating the Settlem^t aforesaid & any of the Grantees Exclusive of the three Public Lotts aforesaid Who Shall Neglect for the Space of three Months Next After Such Assessment Shall be Granted & made to pay the Same So much of Such Delinquents Rights Respectively Shall & may be Sold as Will Pay the Tax & all Charges arising thereon by a Committee of the Grantees appointed for that Purpose,

THAT all White pine Trees fit for Masting his Majestys Royal Navy be & hereby are Granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors forever. And in case any of the Grantees Shall Neglect & Refuse to Perform any of the Articles aforementioned by him Respectively to be Done he Shall forfeit his Share & Right In Said Township, & Every part & parcel thereof to those of the Grantees Who are not Delinquent in the Conditions on their part Respectively to be Done and it Shall & may be Lawful for them or any Person by their Authority to Enter Into & upon Such Delinquents Right, & him or them Utterly to Amove Oust & Expell for the Use of them their heirs & assigns Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled Such Delinquents Right within the Term of one Year at the farthest from the Period that is by this Grant Stipulated as the Conditions thereof and fully Comply with the Conditions Such Delinq^s Ought to have Done within one Year from the Time after the Respective Periods thereof and in Case the said Grantees fulfilling their parts as aforesaid Shall Neglect fulfilling as aforesaid of any Delinquent Owner nor he himself Perform it, that then Such Share or Shares be forfeit Revert & Belong to the Grantors their heirs & Assigns & to be Wholly at their Disposal always Provided there be no Indian Warr in any of the Terms Limited as aforesaid for doing the Duty Conditioned in this Grant to be Done & In Case that Should happen the same time to be allowed after such Impedement shall be Removed.

LASTLY the Grantors Do hereby Promise To the Said Grantees their heirs & Assigns to Defend thro' the Law to King & Council if Need be one Action that Shall & may be Bro't against them or any Number of them by any Person or Persons Whatsoever Claiming the Said Land or Any Part thereof by any Other Title than that of the said Grantors or that by Which they hold & Derive theirs from Provided the Said Grantors are avouched In to Defend the Same and in Case on final Tryal the Same Shall be Recovered over Against the Grantors the Said Grantees Shall Recover Nothing over against the Grantors for the Said Lands Improvements or Expences in Bringing forward the Settlement.

To all Which Premises I Joseph Blanchard Agent for & in Behalf of the Grantors have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 20th Day of May in the 25th Year of his Majestys Reign Annoque Domine 1752

JOSEPH BLANCHARD

SEAL

This copy is a transcript from the Proprietors' Records, where it was written in a neat and beautiful manner by Joseph Blanchard who was allowed "£1 8s. for calling the first meeting, and for the Proprietor's Book and recording the Charter."

"At a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of the Township called Monadnock, No. V, held at the house of Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable in the Province of New Hampshire, Esq^r—May the Twentyeth A.D. 1752," the following vote passed unanimously:—

Whereas the Prop^r of ye Lands in the Province of New Hampshire purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq, who held them under the title made by a common recovery did on the twentyeth day of May afores'd, Grant the quantity of twenty thousand acres, beginning at the Northwest corner of the Township called North Monadnock, No. 3, & runs from thence North eighty degrees west three miles & an half to a Beech tree in the west line of Masons Patent, & from thence Southerly in that line seven miles three quarters & forty rods to the northwest corner of the Township called Monadnock No. 4, from thence South eighty degrees East about four miles by the North line of s'd No. 4, till it comes to the West line of Monadnock No. 2, & from thence North by the Needle by Monadnock No. 2, & No. 3, to the first corner mentioned.

Unto James Morison Jun^r, Archibald Dunlap, Robert Clark, James Lyons, Robert Allen, And^w Armer, Harlbert Morison, David Morison,

Sam^l Morison, John Morison, Thomas Morison, William Gillmor, John Gillmor, Sam^l Alison, Sam^l Alison Jun^r, James Wilson Jun^r, John Wilson, Robert Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Sam^l Wilson, Sam^l Steel, James Moore, John Wason, John Cochran, Isaac Cochran, Thomas Cochran, Sam^l Cochran, Hugh Montgomery, Henry Neal, John Moore, Robert Moore, Sam^l Mitchel, Thomas M^cCleary & James Wilson Sen^r. Under certain conditions Limitations, and reservations in s^d Grant mentioned as by References thereto will fully appear.

Voted that we do hereby accept said Title and for ourselves our heirs, & assignees, do acknowledge that we hold said land under said Title, Conditions & Limitations with the Reservations therein mentioned.

MATTHEW THORNTON Prop^{rs} Clerk.

These grantees whom we will now call Proprietors, were probably most of them residents of Londonderry and Dunstable, and doubtless never intended to take up their abode here, but expected to realize something from the sale of lands to those who would settle thereon.

Whether an effort was made by these Proprietors to bring forward the settlement of the township it does not now appear, for we find no record of their proceedings for over nine years. If any effort was made at this time it was suspended by the French and Indian War which broke out in 1753, and was, no doubt, the cause of the nonfulfilment of the charter stipulations.

This war spread consternation throughout the settled portions of New England. It was the course ever pursued by the Indians upon the renewal of a war between the French and English, to commence their attacks upon the frontier settlements. In August, 1754, a party of Indians broke into the house of James Johnson at Charlestown, early in the morning, and captured the whole family consisting of eight persons. In 1755 Benjamin Twitchell was captured in Keene, and several persons were killed at Walpole and Hinsdale.

Parties of Indians were also seen lurking round in various other localities. Exaggerated accounts of Indian atrocities spread with great rapidity throughout the settlements, and a general feeling of insecurity prevailed to such an extent that no progress could be made toward settling new townships.

In 1761 a number of individuals residing in the towns of Westborough and Marlborough, Mass., obtained an interest in the township. Their names were as follows:—

David Church,	William Eager,	Richard Tozer,*
Charles Biglo,	Jacob Felton,	Abraham How, Jr.,
William Barker,*	Jonathan Green,	Jonathan Bond,
John Taylor,	William Badcock,	Silas Gates,
Jonathan Blanchard,	Adonijah How,	Eleazer How,
Noah Church,	Isaac McAlister,*	Silas Wheeler,
Joseph Biglo,	Daniel Harrington,	John Woods,
Stephen How,	Jesse Rice,	Munning Sawin,
Ebenezer Dexter,	Benjamin How,	Daniel Goodenow,*
	Ebenezer Joslin.	

Those whose names are marked thus (*), afterwards became settlers: the others sold their interest to such individuals as would promise to settle thereon. Several of these were men of distinction. Noah Church was the son of David and Mary Church of Marlborough, Mass.; being a surveyor, he with Isaac McAlister rendered assistance in laying out the township. He afterwards removed to New Marlborough, Mass. Ebenezer Dexter was a physician in Marlborough. He married Lydia Woods, February, 7, 1754. He was for some time Proprietors' clerk, which office he held at the time of his death, May, 4, 1769. Munning Sawin was for many years a keeper of a public house in Marlborough, Mass. He was a member of Capt. Abraham William's company, organized in 1757, in view of the dangers from the French and Indians. He died June, 28, 1807, aged 87 years. Jacob Felton was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Goodel) Felton of Marlborough. He died November, 20, 1789, aged 77; his son John became one of the early settlers in the township, and his son Matthias settled in Fitzwilliam.

Silas Gates was the son of Simon and Sarah (Woods) Gates of Marlborough. He commanded a company which turned out and marched to Cambridge on the Lexington alarm, 1775. He died August, 25, 1793.

Friday, November, 20, 1761, there appeared in the New Hampshire *Gazette* the following notification:—

PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. Whereas application hath this Day been made to me y^e Subscriber by y^e owners of more than one 16th part of the shares Rights or Interests of the whole of that tract or Township called Monadnock N^o 5,—in said Province, Desiring me to Notify & call a Meeting of the Prop^{ts} of said Tract of Land.—This is therefore to Notify & Warn all the Proprietors of the common and undivided Lands of the s^d Tract or Township called Monadnock, N^o 5. aforesaid, To assemble & meet at y^e House of Colo. Williams, Inholder In Marlborough in the County of Middlesex on the Tenth Day of December Next at Ten o Clock in the Morning in order to act and vote on the Following articles, viz. 1 To chose a Prop^{ts} Clerk, 2^{dly} A Prop^{ts} Treasurer, 3 Assessors, 4 a Proprietors Collector, 5^{thly} To see if the Prop^{ts} will agree to allot out the said Township or any part thereof and raise Money by a Tax or otherwise for that End or any other, to carry on any Publick Matter or thing necessary to Bring forward the settlement of said Township, 6th To agree on some Measures for calling Proprietors Meetings for the Future.

November 10th 1761

JOSEPH BLANCHARD Jus. Peace

The Proprietors assembled at the time and place specified in the above notification, and we copy the following from the records of that meeting:—

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| 1 st | Made Choice of Noah Church Moderator, | |
| 2 ^{dly} | Ebenz ^r Dexter Prop ^{ts} Clerk, | |
| 3 ^{dly} | Jesse Rice Prop ^{ts} Treasurer, | |
| 4 ^{thly} | Noah Church | } Assessors, |
| | Jacob Felton | |
| | Ebenz ^r Dexter | |
| 5 ^{thly} | Stephen How Prop ^{ts} Collector. | |

The meeting was then adjourned to April, 30, 1762; then to meet at the house of Jonathan Warren, Innholder, in Marlborough.

At the adjourned meeting, the Proprietors voted to lay out the whole of the township into one-hundred-acre lots, on or before the 20th day of the next June. “Dr. Bond, Capt. Joseph Biglo, Mr. Daniel Harrington & Lieut. Silas Gates,” were chosen a committee to carry this into effect.

To meet the expense, it was voted to raise five dollars on

each Proprietor's right. This meeting was adjourned to the 30th day of June to meet at the house of Capt. Bezaleel Eager, Innholder, at Westborough.

At the adjourned meeting, the committee for lotting out the town reported that they were not ready for the drawing of the lots, "by reason of y^e whole of the above said Tract of Land not being allotted out"; and the meeting was further adjourned to the second Wednesday of October, to meet at the house of Col. Williams, Innholder, in Marlborough.

At this meeting little was done beyond choosing a committee to couple the lots for drawing, and fixing upon a method for calling Proprietors' meetings, which was as follows: "Upon application of the owners of five original Rights Made to the Clerk in Writing inserting the articles to be acted upon, he shall thereupon Make out a notification Warning all y^e Prop^{ts} at such time and place as they shall appoint, and He shall post up Two Notifications Viz. one in Marlboro, & one in Westborough at some Public Places 14 Days before said Meeting, and all Meetings so Posted & Held shall be good & Valid."*

The drawing of the lots took place on November, 22, 1762. We insert here the schedule of the shares, with the lots drawn annexed. The names in the left-hand column are those of the grantees: on the right, those to whom each right was transferred at the time of drawing.

*The town was surveyed by Jonathan Livermore, Noah Church, and Isaac McAlister. A line was first drawn through the geographical centre from east to west. South of this line there were eight ranges with thirteen lots in each range; north, one hundred and five lots, the ranges not being numbered.

A List of the Proprietors of Monadnock N^o 5. With the Draft of Their Lotts excepting y^e Lord Prop^{ts}. Reference Being Had to the Plan and Numbers as y^e came.

Names.	Order of Drawing	Lot		Range		Lot		Range		Lot		Range		Names.
		Lot	Range	Lot	Range	Lot	Range	Lot	Range	Lot	Range			
Thos. Wilson	1	11	3	51	10	3	7	3	1	1			David Church	
Henry Neal	2	12	3	52	53			1	3	2	8		Jona. Blanchard	
James Lyon	3	17	92		9	4	10	4	3	5			Wm. Eager	
Thos. Cochran	4	22	9	7	8	7	60		59				Addonijah How	
Wm. Gilmore	5	93	30	3	4	4	4	4	27				Richd. Tozer	
Robert Wilson	6	94	6	1	5	3	6	3	105				Eleazer How	
Jno. Wason	7	49	10	7	14		15		1	5			Charles Biglo	
Halbt. Morrison	8	35	2	4	1	4	62		101				Noah Church	
Saml. Mori-on	9	12	2	43	13	2	103		96				Jacob Felton	
Andw. Armer	10	32	2	6	3	6	47		5	4			Isaac McAllester	
Isaac Cochran	11	39	7	4	38		82		2	2			Abraham How Junr.	
Saml. Allison Jr.	12	4	6	44	102		4	1	2	5			Silas Wheeler	
Archd. Dunlap	13	37	12	5	6	2	58		13	4			William Barker	
John Gilmore	14	*18	5	7	10	1	11	1	5	8			Joseph Biglo	
Saml. Steel	15	23	8	4	24		83		1	2			Jona. Blanchard	
Robert Allen	16	7	1	97	98		13	7	4	8			Jona. Blanchard	
James Moor	17	7	2	73	40		81		106		2	3	Jona. Blanchard	
Thos. McClary	18	7	7	41	54		100		11	7			Jona. Green	
James Wilson Jr.	19	7	5	8	5	7	6	8	6	Mill Right			Dani. Harington	
Jno. Morrison	20	84	9	1	9	2	69		13	5			Jonathan Bond	
Jno. Wilson	21	64	5	6	48		3	1	12				John Woods	
Saml. Mitchel	22	65	6	6	2		3		12	7			John Taylor	
Saml. Cochran	23	50	11	4	3	2	4	2	57				Stephen How	
James Morrison	24	2	6	10	6	55	56		†11	6			Wm. Badcock	
Hugh Montgomery	25	10	9	6	91		90		1	8			Jona. Blanchard	
John Moor	26	9	6	7	70		78		13	3	6	8	Jess ^s Rice	
Robert Moor	27	5	2	72	67		12	1	13	1	36		Silas Gates	
Saml. Wilson	28	5	1	71	68		13	6	46				Muning Sawin	
Thos. Morrison	29	11	2	95	10	2	4	7	104				Ebenz'r Dexter	
David Morrison	30	42	1	7	8	3	1		80				Dan'l Goodenow	
Robert Clark	31	8	2	75	85		6	5	3	8			Benja. How	
Jno. Cochran	32	88	12	4	33		5	5	25				Ebenz'r Jo ^h n	
Saml. Allison	33	89	1	6	34		61		9	3			Ebenz'r Dexter	
James Wilson	34	10	5						†11	6			Ebenz'r Dexter	
Minister	35	7	13											
Ministry	36	5					‡6							
School	37	20					§6							

A Copy. Examined by EBENZ'R DEXTER, *Propts. Clerk.*

The Proprietors now began in earnest to prepare the way for settlement. To do this, convenient roads must be laid out through the township. Accordingly, at a meeting held at the house of Abraham Williams in Marlborough, it was voted "to lay out and clear a Road from Dooblin to Keen." Isaac McAlister, Noah Church, and Muning Sawin, were chosen a committee for this purpose, and were instructed to

* 10 Acres of this lot to be taken out for publick use by Charter.

† And north half of No. 11.

‡ And south half of No. 11.

§ And north half of No. 6.

¶ And south half of No. 6.

NORTH.

	64 acres.		85 acres.		133 acres.		87 acres.		40 acres.		100 acres.		79 acres.			
	North 80 A. 966 rods.															
Beech Tree.	No. 101	No. 102	No. 103	No. 104	No. 105	No. 106	No. 107	No. 108	No. 109	No. 110	No. 111	No. 112	No. 113	No. 114		
Beech, 15 miles Mark.	No. 100	No. 99	No. 98	No. 97	No. 96	No. 95	No. 94	No. 93	No. 92	No. 91						
92 acres 1/2.	No. 81	No. 82	No. 83	No. 84	No. 85	No. 86	No. 87	No. 88	No. 89	No. 90	6 each.					
15 acres 1/2. 31 rods.	No. 80	No. 79	No. 78	No. 77 G E	No. 76	No. 75	No. 74	No. 73	No. 72	No. 71	No. 70	86 acres 1/2.				
43 acres.	No. 59	No. 60	No. 61	No. 62	No. 63	No. 64	No. 65	No. 66	No. 67	No. 68	No. 69	88 1/2 acres.				
66 acres.	No. 58	No. 57	No. 56	No. 55	No. 54	No. 53	No. 52	No. 51	No. 50	No. 49	No. 48	92 acres 1/2.				
922 rds.	No. 37	No. 38	No. 39	No. 40	No. 41	No. 42	No. 43	No. 44	No. 45	No. 46	No. 47	97 acres.				
84 acres 1/2. 15 rods.	No. 36	No. 35	No. 34	No. 33	No. 32	No. 31	No. 30	No. 29	No. 28	No. 27	No. 26	No. 25	98 acres.			
27 acres.	No. 13	No. 14	No. 15	No. 16	No. 17	No. 18	No. 19 G E	No. 20	No. 21	No. 22	No. 23	No. 24	65 acres.			
49 acres 1/2.	No. 12	No. 11	No. 10	No. 9	No. 8	No. 7	No. 6	No. 5	No. 4	No. 3	No. 2	No. 1	Center Line.			
89 acres.	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Rang. 1.		
19 acres 1/2.	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Rang. 2.		
42 acres.	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Rang. 3.		
58 acres.	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Rang. 4.		
73 acres.	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Rang. 5.		
82 1/2.	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Rang. 6.		
99 acres.	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Rang. 7.		
65 acres 1/2.	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Rang. 8.		
112 rods.								6	5	4	3	2	1			
51 acres.								15 acres.	31 acres.	43 acres.	55 acres, 105 rds.	73 acres, 134 rds.	107 acres.			
62 acres.																
78 acres, 126 rods.																
83 acres, 126 rods.																
102 acres.																

This is a Plan of Township in Mason's Patent, in the Province of New Hampshire, called Monack No. 5, lotted out into hundred acre lots, excepting the lots on the outside of the Town, and then lots it is set down against each lot the number of acres contained in each.

Surveyed by JONA LIVERMORE and NOAH CHURCH, in ye year 1762.

Marlborough, Dec., 3d, 1768.

A Copy, examined by EBENEZER DEXTER, Prop^{ts} Clerk.

lay out the road in the manner they thought best, for the benefit and advantage of the Proprietors.

To meet the expense, a tax was laid of two dollars on each Proprietor's right; at the same time, liberty was given for each one to work out his two dollars on the road at four shillings per day, "he finding himself at his own cost (Nothing being allowed for Travel & Expenses out & home)." This road commenced at Keene line on lot No. 58, "and thence across lot No. 57, and through No. 39 and 40; across the corner of No. 32, and through Nos. 31, 30, and 29; across a corner of No. 28, to No. 22; through the south west corner of No. 26, and to No. 23 and 24 to Dublin line." Or, in other words, commencing at the Keene line and running nearly the same as the main street, to the mill of the Monadnock Blanket Company, and thence through the mill-yard to the top of the hill; then following the present road up the hill by the Congregationalist church to the house of Gilman Whitcomb, and thence on to the Blodgett place, now owned by A. T. Woodward.

From this point the road has been very much changed; and it would be a difficult matter to describe all its turnings and windings until it came to the place now owned by Samuel Jones. Here it ran several rods north of Mr. Jones' house, and came out into the present highway at the foot of the hill east of his house, and thence followed the present road by the Stone Pond to the Dublin line.

This was the first road laid out in the township, and when completed was little better than a bridle path through the woods; for up to this time the township was an unbroken forest with the exception of a small clearing on what is now "West Hill" in Troy. At this late day, we can hardly form any conception of the wildness of the scenery at that time. The bark of the wolf and the cry of the catamount, were no unusual sounds; the bear roamed at will through the forest, unpursued by man: the whole forming a striking contrast with that which the eye beholds to-day. The men who performed the labor of clearing this road have left us no record of their transactions. How

many there were, the time employed, how they lived or where they stayed, is all unknown to us; but certain it is that it was only through much toil and many privations that they were able to complete the road and make it fit for travel.

At a meeting in August, 1763, the Proprietors voted to "lay out a road from Rowley (Rindge) to Doobleinn Road Leading to Keen." This road led through the south part of the town, but we have no means of knowing the exact location.

CHAPTER II.

SETTLEMENTS, ETC.

WILLIAM BARKER. — ISAAC McALISTER. — SILAS FIFE. — BENJAMIN TUCKER. — FIRST MEETING IN THE TOWNSHIP. — FIRST SAW-MILL. — FIRST HOUSES. — FIRST CENSUS. — DELINQUENT GRANTEES. — ENOCH HALE'S RETURN OF SETTLEMENTS. — FIRST GRIST-MILL. — DIFFICULTY OF SETTLING WITH PROPRIETORS' OFFICERS. — BREED BATCHELDER. — PARTIAL ORGANIZATION OF THE TOWN. — TOWN INCORPORATED. — ORIGIN OF THE NAME. — FIRST TOWN MEETING. — TITHINGMEN. — DEER-REEVES AND HOG-REEVES. — INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY.

WE have now reached the period in the history of our town in which the first settlement was made. The first to try his fortunes in this hitherto unbroken wilderness was William Barker, a native of Westborough, Mass. According to the best information we have, he first came to Monadnock No. V in 1761. It will be remembered that he was one of the Proprietors, and as such, had drawn several lots of land, and was, no doubt, influenced by the desire to know something of the quality and worth of his newly acquired possessions.

At this time he did little more than to select a location for his future residence, which was lot No. XII in the fifth range, being on what is now called "West Hill," in Troy. In 1762 he returned, bringing with him a quantity of provisions sufficient to last him a limited time, and commenced a small clearing which, no doubt, was the *first* made within the limits of Monadnock No. V.

His supply of provisions exhausted, he went back to his native town, having made but little progress in levelling the forest. In 1764 he returned, enlarged his clearing, built a log-house, and made arrangements for removing his family. Early in the fall he set out from Westborough, accompanied with his wife and three small children; he also had an ox-team well laden with stores of provisions and domestic utensils. The roads being in a poor condition, their progress was slow; but they soon reached Winchendon, from which place there was no road, and they were obliged to be guided by marked trees. This part of their journey was very difficult; but, after much toil and many slight accidents, they arrived safely at their new home the 17th day of September, 1764, being the *first family* that settled in Monadnock No. V.

Soon after the removal of Mr. Barker and his family, Isaac McAlister who had previously constructed a log-house on the farm now owned by Ansel Nye, removed his family consisting of his wife—who was a sister of Mrs. Barker—and four children; this was the first settlement within the limits of the present town of Marlborough.

These two families consisting of eleven members, were, it is presumed, all the inhabitants residing within the township during the winter of 1764-5.

1765. Silas Fife, a young man from Bolton, Mass., having heard much of the undeveloped resources and great adaptability of the Monadnock townships for farming purposes, together with their abundance of game (a matter of no small importance to the first settlers of our New England forests, as it was necessarily one of the principal sources of food for themselves and families), determined to visit them, with the view of purchasing a tract of land for a farm.

Consequently in the spring of 1765, as tradition has it, with a small quantity of food strapped upon his back, he started for Monadnock, accompanied only with his trusty dog and gun. On arriving at Monadnock No. V, he purchased a lot of land in the south-easterly part of the

township, including most of the land afterwards owned by Deacon Abel Baker (for many years known as the Baker farm), situated within the territory set off from Marlborough in 1815 to form a part of the new town of Troy. Here he constructed a temporary shelter, near the entrance of which he cooked his food, while within he slept the livelong night, gun in hand, ready at a moment's warning to send Bruin howling from his presence. Young Fife appears to have been an excellent marksman and fond of the chase. The abundance of game in the vicinity of the mountain afforded ample scope for the exercise of his skill. As his supply of food during the first few months of his residence in his isolated home was quite limited, he was obliged to depend upon his favorite amusement for his daily sustenance; and whenever he felt the pangs of hunger, the sharp crack of his musket was pretty certain to bring him relief.

For several summers he toiled on mostly alone, clearing his ground and bringing it into a state of cultivation; in the meantime he built a house, and then, thinking, like many others, that he had experienced fully his share of the sweets of single blessedness, married Abigail Houghton, a young lady from his native town, and took her to his wilderness home.

They were married in Boston, Mass., August 15, 1772. Mrs. Fife was little accustomed to the rude life she had here chosen, and it is, therefore, no wonder that many perplexing incidents should happen to her in the discharge of her duties as housewife; one of which in after years she often related with great merriment.

A few days after becoming settled in her new home, she undertook to bake some pies, being arranged on pewter plates and placed in the heated stone oven. Shortly afterwards, on looking into the oven, it is perhaps unnecessary to add, she found her plates a liquid mass, rolling about in different directions. But a few such lessons probably served to correct her judgment, and led her to avoid similar unpleasant casualties.

In August, 1765, Benjamin Tucker, with his wife, five

sons, and two daughters, came from Leicester, Mass., to Monadnock No. V, and settled on the place formerly owned and occupied by Tarbell and Whitney; the house standing at the top of the hill, a few rods east of the present buildings. Mr. Tucker was fortunate in choosing this location, for soon after his settlement here the great road from Keene to Boston was laid out directly by his house, which he opened as a tavern, being the first kept in the township; a full description of which will be given hereafter.

Mr. Tucker and his sons proved to be men of enterprise, and did their full share towards forwarding the settlement of the town. The meetings of the Proprietors were for several years held at his house; he was frequently moderator of these meetings, and also at different times held the office of clerk, assessor, and treasurer. Mr. Tucker was a man of natural business capacity; but this was not seconded by a good education, as is evident from the manner in which he kept the Proprietors' records, mixing up his capitals strangely, and using as many letters as possible in spelling.

The population was further increased this year by the arrival of Daniel Goodenow, with his wife and four or five children, from Marlborough, Mass. Where he settled is not certain, but it was probably in that part of the township now included in Troy. Abel Woodward also became a settler the same year, but of how many persons his family consisted we are unable to say, as no records have been preserved. He located in what is now the village, on the Joslin place, now owned in part by Murray Fitch; his house standing on the west side of the road between the residence of Joel S. Knight and the sand bank.

1766. November 13th of this year, a meeting of the Proprietors was held at the house of Isaac McAlister, which was the first held within the township. At this meeting Benjamin Tucker was moderator, and Dr. Ebenezer Dexter of Marlborough, Mass., was clerk. The most important business transacted at this meeting related to highways;

and the following is a copy of a vote passed in reference to the sixth article of the warrant for this meeting: "Voted that the great Roads so-called Leading from Keen to Doobleinn, and from Keen to Rowly,* and from Swanzey to Stoddard Town† so called, be Layed out Three Rods wide and the other Roads 2 rods wide." The Doctor was, no doubt, a skilful physician, and if the medicine which he dealt out to his patients, was equally strong with his spelling, he must have met with unparalleled success in his practice.

Nothing of importance seems to have been done this year towards bringing forward the settlement of the township, nor does there appear to have been any increase in the number of settlers.

1767. Only one meeting was held this year, and that was at the old Williams Tavern in Marlborough, Mass., on the 19th of May. The most important transaction at this meeting was the provision made for the building of a saw-mill. By the schedule of the lots drawn by the Proprietors, it will be seen that Daniel Harrington drew the "Mill Right." Tradition tells us that this was located at the junction of the brooks, south of the school-house in District No. 4.

Several attempts had been made on the part of the Proprietors to induce Mr. Harrington to erect a mill; but, either from lack of means or wishing to have the Proprietors bear the greater part of the expense, he neglected to go forward in the enterprise. At the meeting above alluded to, it was voted to "Raise one Dollar on Each Prpts. Right, for the use of Daniel Harrington, in case he compleats a saw-mill fit for sawing of Boards, on or before the first of July Next Insueing; and in case Mr. Harrington Throws up the subscription made at Monad^k No. five on the 13th Day of Nov. 1766, Also Mr. Harrington, agrees to allow Half a Dollar to Each Proprietor that lives in s^d Township per Day, if they choose to work out said Dollar."

* Rindge.

† Fitzwilliam.

The mill was completed during the season, and in the autumn the first two framed houses were erected in town. The first of these was built by Jedediah Maynard on the farm now owned by Ivory E. Gates, and is the eastern half of Mr. Gates' house. The second was that of Abijah Tucker, and was located on the site of the Congregational meeting-house.

Previous to this time the houses were mere log-huts with stone chimneys, usually with but one room, no chamber or cellar, and oftentimes with no floor except the hard-trodden earth. The roofs were composed of large poles thatched with bark. Window-glass was at first unknown, but a hole or two cut in the logs with wooden shutters, answered the purpose of windows.

The immigration to the town this year was much larger than the preceding. Among the number were Joseph Collins, his wife and seven children; Thomas Riggs who was the first settler on the Sargent place; John Felton and Jedediah Maynard, each of whom was married.

In September the Provincial Legislature ordered an enumeration of the inhabitants, and an inventory of the ratable estate in each town in the province to be made in December. The return of the inventory from Monadnock No. V has not been found, and if any was made at this time, it has been lost. The population of each town was arranged in classes. The returns from this township were as follows:—

Unmarried men from 16 to 60 years of age,	9
Married men from 16 to 60 years of age,	16
Boys of 16 years and under,	25
Men 60 years and above,	1
Females unmarried,	26
Females married,	16
Male slaves,	0
Female slaves,	0
Total,	<hr/> 93

This census is important from the fact that it shows the number of inhabitants in the township at the close of

the third year after its settlement. Were it possible, we would like to give the name and age of each inhabitant at this time; but it is impossible, owing to the fact that the descendants of several of those early families are so widely scattered we cannot obtain the necessary statistics. From this time to 1770, the Proprietors held but few meetings, and no business of importance was transacted; their chief aim seemed to be to increase, as fast as possible the number of settlers, in order to fulfil the conditions of their charter. Some of the grantees, however, failed to perform their whole duty in this respect; and had it not been for the great forbearance and long suffering of the Lord Proprietors, for whose interest it was to forward the settlement of the town, they would, no doubt, have forfeited all claim to the land.

These delinquent grantees were men of influence, and so controlled the Proprietors' meetings that those who had fulfilled their part considered, these delinquents were hindering rather than helping fulfil the stipulations set forth in the charter. In view of these proceedings, the resident Proprietors in 1768 presented the following petition to the Lord Proprietors:—

PROVINCE OF }
NEW HAMPSHIRE. }

To the Proprietors of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason, Esq^r in the Province aforesaid, (commonly called the Lords Proprietors of said Lands).

Humbly sheweth to your Honors, —

We the Subscribers, inhabitants of Monadnock No. five (so called) in said Province, lying in said Mason's Patent, that on the twentieth day of May, A. D. 1752, your Honors was pleased to grant said Monadnock, number five to a number of people and gave a Charter of the same to said people, with sundry conditions and restrictions, as mentioned in said Charter. Since which we have purchased of sundry of the Grantees, and settled in said Township, and have fulfilled said Charter, as to our part, as fully as hath been in our power to do. By reason that there is a number of said Grantees that neglect to settle their rights, or do any considerable part of the duty required of them by said Charter, altho' we conceive the time for the settlement on said Rights is long since expired, and said delinquents at our meetings for bringing forward the

settlements of said Townships &c., by means of their own votes, the Interest they make, carry the votes as they please to the great damage of the inhabitants of said Township, and to the discouragement of others settling therein &c.

The delinquent Rights are as followeth; (viz.) Henry Neal, William Gilmore, Halbert Morrison, Samuel Allison Jr, Robert Allen, Samuel Mitchel, John Moore, Thomas Morrison. We having thus opened our deplorable case to your Honors, as obedient children to their Parents, desire your Honors would take our case into your wise consideration, and if your Honors think proper, grant said delinquents Rights to the inhabitants of said Township, on such conditions as your Honors shall think proper; or otherwise release us, as your Honors in your great wisdom shall think proper. And we as in duty bound shall ever pray. Monadnock, Number five 25th day of July 1768.

Daniel Goodenough,	Joshua Tucker,	Caleb Tucker,
William Barker,	Isaac McAlister,	Stephen Church,
Joseph Collins,	Abijah Tucker,	Charles Bigelow,
Abel Woodward,	Moses Tucker,	Richard Tozer.

The delinquent grantees now began to bestir themselves, and, fearing that the prayer of the petitioners would be granted, engaged Jonathan Blanchard who was supposed to have great influence with the Masonian Proprietors, to act for them in the matter of opposing the petition of the inhabitants for a new grant. Accordingly in December following, that gentleman presented to the Lord Proprietors the following memorial:—

To the Gentlemen Prop^r Purchasers of the right of John Tufton Mason Esq. in the Province of New Hampshire.

The Memorial of Jonathan Blanchard of Dunstable in said Province shews, —

That your Memorialist and others are largely interested in the New Township called Monadnock No. 5, granted to your Right some years since.—That they (& other families) have at a large expense been & still are carrying on & completing the Settlement of said Township, as enjoined by Grant thereof.—

That your Memorialist, understands a Petition has been preferred to your Society, (as well as many causeless Insinuations mentioned) Setting forth that a number of the Original Grantees or their assigns are dilatory, wholly neglect the improvement and settlement of their Rights & Shares.—

That your Memorialist declares (so far as he can find out) that the Representation aforesaid is false, & that there is not one single right

in said Township, but that has more or less cleared & Improved on, & that if the whole duty is not already done, as they are perfect of the same, he prays for your further indulgence & is persuaded that any new Grant cannot hasten the Settlement. That if the Petitioners aforesaid, should again beg for the supposed forfeiture, your Memorialist prays that he may have Notice and Liberty to state the Facts touching the Settlement, before any New Grant takes place, which tho' perhaps cannot take effect yet it may be prejudicial to the Present Claimers & no real service, and your Memorialist as in duty shall ever pray.

JON^A BLANCHARD.

Portsmouth, Dec. 22^d, 1768.

The Masonian Proprietors wishing to act judiciously in the matter, wrote to Benjamin Tucker requesting that he would forward to them "a just account of the settlement of Monadnock, No. V," and how far they had complied with the conditions of their charter.

They also employed Col. Enoch Hale of Rindge to investigate the matter. As the results of these two investigations were rendered at nearly the same time, and were substantially the same, we will give that of Mr. Hale, which is as follows:—

An account of y^e Settlements in Monadnock No. five, called New Marlborough* in y^e province of New Hampshire.

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1. Thomas Wilson, settled by Thomas Riggs.
2. Henry Neal.
3. James Lyon, settled by Joshua Tucker.
4. Thomas Cochran, settled by James Tiffany.
5. William Gilmore, settled by Richard Tozer.
6. Robert Wilson, settled by William Adams.
7. John Warson, settled by Joseph Peck.
8. Halbert Morrison. Jonathan Nicholds made some improvement.
9. Samuel Morrison, settled by John Felton.
10. Andrew Armer, settled by Isaac McAlister.
11. Isaac Cochran, settled by Abel Woodwart.
12. Samuel Allison, settled by David Warrin.
13. Archibald Dunlap, settled by Bennidick Webber.
14. John Gilmore, settled by Benjamin Tucker.
15. Samuel Steel. Called Duty free.

*This is the earliest date at which the name of Marlborough appears in connection with the township.

16. Robert Allen, settled by Jonathan Goodenow.
17. James Moore. Called Duty free.
18. Thomas McClary, settled by Jonathan Shaw.
19. James Wilson, settled by Jonah Harrington.
20. John Morrison, settled by Silas Hooker; made some improvements.
21. John Wilson, settled by James Crossman.
22. Samuel Mitchel, settled by Thaddeus Hastings; made some improve^t.
23. Samuel Cochran, settled by James Brewer.
24. James Morrison, settled by Benja. Tucker, Jr.
25. Hugh Montgomery. Called duty free.
26. John Moor, settled by Richard Robards.
27. Robert Moor, settled by Stephen Church, Single man, 1. acre improved some acres girdled.
28. Samuel Wilson, settled by Samuel Bishop.
29. Thomas Morrison.
30. David Morrison, settled by Daniel Goodenow.
31. Robert Clark, settled by Joseph Collins.
32. John Cochran, settled by William Barker.
33. Samuel Allison, settled by Silas Fife.

James Wilson Sen^r have one single share containing one hundred and fifty acres no duty to be done sooner than the last duties on the double shares, which contains four hundred and fifty acres to each share.

A true account of all the Settlements Err^s Except, per

ENOCH HALE.

April 24th, 1770.

This account of settlements is interesting from the fact that it gives us a certain knowledge as to who were the inhabitants of the town at so early a date. Of these settlers, twenty-seven in number, all had families except William Adams, Silas Hooker, Thaddeus Hastings, Stephen Church, and Silas Fife; and of this number, Thaddeus Hastings and Silas Fife afterwards married and raised up large families in this town; the other three remained here but a short time, and then departed, no one knows whither.

This account of Col. Hale seems to have been satisfactory and to have ended the controversy, as we hear no more concerning the delinquent grantees; and it is probable that they seeing the matter was to be investigated, made haste and settled their rights, as we find in this report that several of those who had been complained of as delinquent, were reported by Col. Hale as settled.

During this period Joseph Collins had built a saw and grist-mill in the north part of the township on the Richardson brook near the bridge east of the place where Stillman Richardson now resides. This was the first grist-mill erected in town. Not far from this time, Abijah Tucker built a saw and grist-mill on the site of the mill now owned by the Monadnock Blanket Company. The erection of these two mills did much towards advancing the settlement of the town. Previous to this there was no grist-mill within six miles, and the early settlers must have hailed with joy the erection of one in their midst; for carrying grain on their backs that distance through the woods over a rocky, rough, and uneven country with only marked trees to guide their steps, could have been no easy task.

1769. Ebenezer Dexter who up to this time had held the office of Proprietors' clerk, died; and by virtue of a warrant issued by Thomas Frink of Keene, a justice of the peace, the Proprietors assembled on the 3d of January, 1770, at the house of Benjamin Tucker, for the purpose of choosing new officers and transacting other important business relating to the township.

At this meeting Benjamin Tucker acted a conspicuous part: he was not only moderator and clerk, but was also chosen treasurer, chairman of the board of assessors, and chairman of several committees. It was at this meeting that the Proprietors voted to build the meeting-house; the measures adopted for this purpose will be noticed in a subsequent chapter. It was also voted "that every man shall vote in their meetings according to their interest in sd township." "Voted that the oners of one sixteenth part of the Lands in said township, — Requesting ye Clark to call a meeting, he Shall be obliged to do it, by Posting a notification in sd town Ship, and in Marlborough, (Mass.) at some Publick Place near the senter of S^d Town."

There was also considerable legislation relating to highways in this and subsequent years; committees were chosen

to lay out and clear roads, and accounts were brought in at every meeting for "Worck done in y^e Roads." The average price paid per day was three shillings.

1771. There were four Proprietors' meetings this year. Benjamin Tucker was dismissed from the office of clerk, and Stephen Church was chosen in his room. The legislation related mainly to the difficulty which the Proprietors had in settling with Capt. Jesse Rice, a former treasurer, and the executrix of Stephen How deceased, and also Daniel Harrington, — two former collectors.

Committees were chosen for the purpose of settling with the refractory persons; but, meeting with no success, they were dismissed, and others were chosen in their stead, who met with no better success than those who had preceded them. At length the Proprietors, weary of the delay which had been made in settling, determined to bring the matter to a crisis: they discharged the old committee, and chose Col. John Weeks, Breed Batchellor,* and Silas Gates, "to Reckon & settle with the above mentioned Treasurer, & Collectors, and voted that the above committee be impowered to Discharge the said Rice, the former Treasurer, the executrix of Stephen How's istate, and Daniel Harrington, former Collectors, if settled with, or either of them that will Comply to settle." Voted, that the "Committee be,

* Major Breed Batchelder was one of the earliest settlers of Packersfield (Nelson). He was a very wealthy man and a large landholder. He settled on the farm now occupied by Gilman Nims in Roxbury. He owned a considerable quantity of land in the north part of Marlborough, which gave him the right to vote in the meetings of the Proprietors.

When the Revolutionary war broke out, Batchelder became a Tory. His neighbors were so exasperated at his conduct that, in the summer of 1777, he was obliged to leave his family and reside some three months in a cave about eighty rods from his house, not daring to be seen by his neighbors, who, had they known of his whereabouts, would have captured him, and he would have been shot or hung. The cave where he resided is still known as "Batchelder's Cave." At length, satisfied that the only way to save his life was to leave the country, he bade his wife and children good-bye and fled.

He joined the British army, and was made a captain in Lieut.-Col. Peters' corps of the "Queen's Rangers." He was with his company at the battle of Bennington, where he was severely wounded in the shoulder by a musket-ball. After the war he became very dissipated, and finally was drowned in 1785 by falling from a boat in the Basin of Annapolis.

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and are impowered to Bring an action in the Law against the said Rice Treasurer, the executrix of the estate of Stephen How Deceas^d & Daniel Harrington former Collectors, or either of them that will not comply to settle."

In order to post themselves in all the formalities of the law, Joseph Collins was instructed to buy a *Law Book* for the use of the Proprietors. The committee, now armed with this legal authority, at once proceeded to perform the duties assigned them. The delinquent officers satisfied that the Proprietors now "meant business," and seeing they could no longer hold back without being in danger of the law, readily closed in with the proposals made by the committee, and came to a settlement. The terms upon which this settlement was made, are shown by the following report rendered by the committee, and accepted at a meeting of the Proprietors, December 10, 1772:—

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Proprietors of monad^k, No. 5, as a Comitee to recon and Settle with Capt. Jese Rice Former Tresur for said Proprietors aforesaid, that we have Recond with the said Rice, and find that he has Payed out to Defray Proprietors Charges, Between four and five Pounds Lawful money more than he has Received, besides his Trouble of being Treasurer, and we have given said Rice a Discharge in full of all accounts, and all demands that y^c Proprietors have against him as being Treasurer for said Proprietors, and have taken a receipt in full of all accounts that the said Rice has against s^d proprietors; the said Rice Throwing in the sum above mentioned and his service as being Treasurer, for the needless cost that he has put said Proprietors to for not settling when requested, and the Settlement made with Dan^l Harrington, Collector, may be seen by a paper bearing date July the 27th 1771, wherein we Turned over the said Harrington to L^t Tucker the Present Treasurer, or to his Successors in said Office, with the whole account of what we have done towards a Settlement with him; and as to the rate Committed to Stephen How Deceased, we have not as yet Discharged the said deceased widow, but have taken the rate into our hands as it appears that a number are not Crosed, to Examine and notifie Those that have Paid and Crosed to make it appear if paid. witness our hands this 9th Day of September 1772.

SILAS GATES }
BREED BATCHELOR } Comitee.

There was a rapid increase in the number of settlers at this period, and many new names appear in the records of the Proprietors. Among this number were Richard Tozer, with a family of six children, from Southborough; James Lewis, wife, and eight or nine children, also from Southborough; Ebenezer Rhodes, with his wife and one son, from Walpole, Mass.; Eliphalet Stone (who had not yet removed his family); Thaddeus Hastings and Daniel Emerson, both of whom were without families; there were several others whose residence here was so short that we know but little about them or their families.

1772. Only two meetings of the Proprietors were held this year, and nothing of importance was done beyond choosing new officers and raising money for building and repairing highways.

1773. At a meeting, April 1, all officers were dismissed, and new ones chosen in their place. Eliphalet Stone was chosen clerk and treasurer; James Brewer, collector; Jonah Harrington, Richard Roberts, John Felton, and Richard Tozer, highway surveyors; James Brewer, Andrew Colburn, and Eliphalet Stone, assessors; Lieut. Andrew Colburn, Lieut. Benjamin Tucker, and Richard Tozer were chosen a committee to survey, mark, and bound the roads, and make a return, in order to have the same recorded. The following year this committee reported twelve roads, the greater part of which were laid out three rods wide.

This year the question of incorporation was proposed for the first time, and an article relative to this was placed in the warrant for a meeting held June 23, which, after being duly considered, was passed in the negative.

1774. A meeting was held on the 19th of January, at which it was voted to "Incorporate said Township Into a Town." "Voted that Eliphalet Stone, Andrew Colburn, and Lieut Benja Tucker, be a committee to git it done."

“Voted to raise half penny on Each acre in said Township for the purpose afore Said.” “Voted that the above said committee shall endeavor that said Township be Incorporated after one of the three following names, viz: Oxford, Salsbury, or Worcester.”

Whether an attempt was made at this time to get the township incorporated, does not now appear. We find nothing on the Proprietors' records, or in the journal of the Provincial Congress, to indicate that there was any petition presented; neither do we find that this committee ever made a report. The legislation of this year was mostly concerning the meeting-house, and for providing preaching; and the records indicate that the people were anxious to settle a minister. In striving for this, they met with many difficulties, owing to the fact, they were not an incorporated town; and this, probably, was one of the main objects which led them the following year to put forth still greater efforts for the accomplishment of their purpose.

1775. At a meeting in March, Lieut. Benjamin Tucker, Eliphalet Stone, and Thomas Riggs, were chosen a committee to get the township incorporated. These gentlemen petitioned to the Provincial Congress for an act of incorporation.

The petition was read July 6, 1775, and Congress having taken the same under consideration it was resolved “That it be & hereby is recommended to the said Town of Monadnock, No. V, that they proceed to choose as soon as may be, the several Town officers, which may be necessary for the internal Government of s^d Town, such as Selectmen, Constable &c, as are chosen in other Towns in this Colony at their annual Town meeting; also that they choose a Committee of Safety, or of Corrispondence for s^d Town, and also that the s^d town (if occasion requires it) may use the money in the hands of Mr. James Lewis for the purpose of purchasing of fire arms and ammunition, and for w^{ch} money s^d Towne is to be accountable to this Colony or Congress

and County of Cheshire, when Demanded, and further it is Resolved, that Mr. Jonathan Frost be & hereby is appointed by this Congress the moderator of the first meeting in s^d Town and that Messrs. Jonathan Frost, Benja^a Tucker and Thomas Riggs, be & hereby are impowered to call s^d meeting."

We learn from a subsequent petition that the recommendations of Congress were complied with; a meeting was held and officers chosen. No records of this meeting have been preserved, and we have no means of knowing who were chosen to fill the various offices. No charter was given at this time, and this partial organization only served to perplex the people and throw them into greater difficulties than before; for they were very much in doubt whether the Provincial Congress intended they should enjoy equal privileges with other towns, or not. Accordingly, in order to extricate themselves from this difficulty, in September they presented to the Provincial Congress then in session the following —

PETITION.

PROVINCE OF }
NEW HAMPSHIRE. }

MONADNOCK N^o 5, September 28th, 1775.

To the Hono^{bl} Congress of Said Province,

WHEREAS In the month of July last the Congress See fit to grant us privilidges which before we was Destitute of, and for which we do express our gratitude, viz. In recommending to us to choose Town officers, such as Select men, Constable and a Committee of Safety, all which we have don, but as it is a Doubt whether the Congress Intended we should Injoy privilidges equil to Towns Incorporated by a Governor or not, and as we have a desire to Settle a Minister in this Town, and as we have one a preaching here whome the people universally like, —

We, therefore, pray the Congress to Incorporate Said N^o 5, by the name of Washington, and appoint a Day for our Annual meeting. In so Doing your Honours would much oblige your Humble petitioners,

JONATHAN FROST, }
ELIPHALET STONE, } *Committee*
THO. RIGGS, } *In behalf of Monad-*
nock, No. Five.

This was a most unfortunate time for the presentation of such a petition. Already had hostilities commenced with Great Britain, and the Provincial Congress which was then in session had more weighty and important business to attend to; and there is no record to be found among the State papers to show that this petition was ever acted upon.

This year Monadnock No. V united with Dublin, and was represented by Eliphalet Stone in the fifth Provincial Congress, which assembled at Exeter, December 21st. This Congress continued in session until the fifth day of the following January; then, by leave of the "Hon^{ble}, The Continental Congress, they Resolved themselves into a House of Representatives, or Assembly for the Colony of New Hampshire."

The proceedings of this Congress related mainly to the establishment of post-offices, a committee of supplies for the army, and a committee of safety. This committee, under the leadership of Hon. Meshach Weare, acted with great boldness and judgment in the affairs of the Province, and soon after of the State, placing "New Hampshire in the foremost rank both in point of influence and achievements."

1776. The partial organization which had been granted in 1775 to the inhabitants of Monadnock No. V was not deemed sufficient to overcome the difficulties under which they labored for the want of incorporation, and in September of this year Eliphalet Stone presented to the House of Representatives then convened at Exeter the following—

PETITION.

STATE OF NEW }
HAMPSHIRE. }

To the Hon^{ble} the Council and house of Representatives Convened at Exeter, Sept^r 5, 1776,

Humbly shows Eliphalet Stone, of a place Called New Marlborough in the County of Cheshire, Gent, in Behalf of the freeholders and Inhabitants of said place. That your Petitioners, under a title from the Purchasers of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq^r did enter into and upon the premises & have with Great Toil & Labor formed Settlements for themselves & families.

That the said tract of Land is Well Situated for a Township, & of the Contents of about Six Miles Square. That your Petitioners have Erected a Meeting-house for Public Worship, & had preaching, That they Labor under Difficulties for want of an Incorporation which Coud they Obtain are perswaded would be for the Public Good,

Wherefore, your Petitioners humbly pray that they may be Incorporated in to a Body Politick, to have Continuance & be Invested with all the powers, Priviledges, & Immunities that other Towns in this State by Law hold & Enjoy, and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Will ever pray, &c.,

ELIPHALET STONE

In the foregoing petition it will be noticed that the inhabitants expressed no wish as to the name of the town; but it was probably understood by all concerned that the name should be Marlborough. Although the meetings of the Proprietors were always called under the name of Monadnock No. V, yet the place was known by the name of New Marlborough as early as 1770.

This name originated, no doubt, from the fact the majority of the early settlers were natives, or had been long residents of Marlborough, Middlesex County, Mass.; and very many of the Proprietors were residents of that place. At the time of incorporation, the qualifying word "New" was dropped, leaving the name which it now bears. We here present the charter as it is found in the town records:—

In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

SEAL

An act to incorporate a place called New Marlborough in the County of Cheshire. Whereas a petition has been preferred to the General Court in behalf of the inhabitants of that tract of land called New Marlborough in the County of Cheshire, setting forth that they labor under difficulties for want of an incorporation, and praying that they may be incorporated, of which due notice has been given & no objection has been made, and it appearing for the public good.

Be it therefore enacted by the Coucil and Assembly that there be & hereby is a township erected and incorporated by the name of Marlborough within the following bounds, (viz) Beginning at the northwest corner of Dublin, and from thence running North eighty degrees West, three miles and a half by Packerfield to a beech tree standing in the East

line of Keene; thence running Southerly by Keene and Swanzey seven miles, three quarters & forty rods, to the Northwest corner of Fitzwilliam; from thence South eighty degrees East, about four miles by the North line of Fitzwilliam, till it comes to the West line of Jaffrey; & from thence running North by the needle by Jaffrey and Dublin to the bounds first mentioned; and the inhabitants of said tract of land erected into a body politic & corporate, to have continuance & succession forever, and are hereby invested with all the powers, and enfranchised with all the rights, privileges & immunities which any towns in this State hold and enjoy: to hold to the said inhabitants and successors for ever. And Mr. Thomas Riggs is hereby authorized to call a meeting of said inhabitants, to choose all necessary and customary town officers, giving fourteen days notice of the time, place & design of such meeting, & such officers shall hereby be invested with all the powers of the officers in any other town in this State. And every other meeting which shall be annually held in said town for that purpose shall be on the second Tuesday of March for ever.

STATE OF }
NEW HAMPSHIRE. }

In House of Representatives, December, the ninth, A.D. 1776.

The foregoing bill having been three times read, voted that it should pass to be enacted.

JON^A LOVEWELL, *Speak, P. T.*

In Council, December, the 13th, 1776 this bill was read a third time and voted that the same be enacted.

M. WEARE *Pres. D.*

The public interests which had been controlled by the Proprietors were now in part assumed by the town. As the Proprietors were somewhat in debt, and still laid claim to the meeting-house, they continued to hold meetings from time to time as necessity required, until 1801, when, having discharged their debts, they gave over their papers to the town, and their organization was dissolved.

Although the town was incorporated December 13, no town-meeting was held until the annual meeting, the 11th of March, 1777. At this meeting the town officers for the ensuing year were chosen, but no other business was transacted.

The record of this meeting, and also a copy of the charter, are found in the town records, in the handwriting of David Wheeler, the first town clerk. The record of this meeting is given entire.

MARCH, THE } STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CHESHIRE SS
 11th, 1777. }

Having Received a copy of incorporation act marlborough in said State, Wherein I the Subscriber Being appointed By the Honorable general Court of s^d State, to cal the first annual meeting in order to Chose all Nesesary and Cnstumary Town officers, have warned Said meeting to meet at the meeting House in said Marlborough, on Tues^d the Eleventh Day of march 1777, at ten O Clock in the morning, at which time and Place Preceded as follows, (viz) first made choice of m^r thomas Rigg, moderator for said meeting, Secondly Chose David Wheeler Town Clark,* thirdly Chose Cap^t James Lewis Treasurer, Chose Cap^t James Lewis first Selectman; Chose Liu^t Eliph^a Stone Second Selectman; Chose m^r Richard Towzar third Selectman; Chose m^r Abel Woodard Constable, Voted that the Selectmen Be the Sessors (viz) Cap^t James Lewis, Leu^t Eliph^a Stone and Richard Towzer; Chose m^r Daniel Cutting Survior for the South west quarter of Marlborough; Chose William Tiney Survior for the South East quarter of said Town; Chose Phinehas Parks for the Survior for the North west quarter of Said Town; Chose m^r Theodore man Survior for the North East quarter of Said Town, Chose m^r Silas Fife and m^r Jedediah Taintor Tithingmen; Chose m^r David Deufor and m^r Samuel Bishop, Dear Reaffs; Chas Egn Richard Robards, Liu^t Eliph^a Stone, David Wheeler, and m^r Renben Ward, hog Reafs; Chose Cap^t James Lewis, David Wheeler, m^r Thomas Riggs, m^r Oliver Wright, and m^r Beuony Robens, a Committee of Saffty; Chose m^r Richard atwell, m^r Jedediah Taintor, m^r Jonathan goodenow, and m^r Thadeus Hastings, fence vewers; all of the above Chosen Said officers to serve the insuing year. Voted that this meeting Be Desolved, Thomas Riggs moderator; Recorded from the minuts pr

DAVID WHEELER, *Town Clark.*

The reader will notice that in the foregoing record several offices are mentioned which are not in use at the present day, as tithingmen, deer-reeves, and hog-reeves. It was the duty of the tithingmen to keep order during public worship on the Sabbath; and in addition to this duty they were expected to stop all needless travel on the Sabbath. As a badge of office, each tithingman was to have a black staff two feet long, with about three inches of one end tipped with brass or pewter. The law required that all persons chosen to this office should be "of good substance and sober life"; but the law was not always complied with in this

* On the old records this is invariably written Clark.

respect, for men were sometimes chosen whose love of gain was so great, they would not hesitate to take a bribe, and allow the offending traveller to go on his way rejoicing. It is related that on one occasion a young man who had been to sea, and was on his way home to visit his mother, was passing through this town one Sabbath morning, when he was accosted by a venerable man who held the office of tithingman, who asked him if he did not know it was "against the law to travel on the Sabbath." The young man explained to him his circumstances, but the officer was inexorable; and the poor man finding that he could make no impression upon him, offered him a dollar, stating at the same time it was all the money he had. The bribe was accepted, and the man was permitted to pursue his journey.

It was the duty of deer-reeves to expose any person who killed deer at unseasonable times of the year. These officers were chosen but a few years, as the deer became extinct and there was no longer any need of their services.

The duties of the hog-reeves, though not laborious, yet when called for, were rather unpleasant to perform. In those days swine were allowed to run at large, if properly yoked and ringed; and it was the duty of the owners to see that this was done as required by law: but in case they neglected it, then it became the duty of the hog-reeve to yoke and ring them, and recover from the owner thereof one shilling for yoking and sixpence for ringing each swine.

It was the custom to choose every man lately married as hog-reeve. It sometimes happened that men who were "old and well stricken in years" would be chosen to this office, having for the second time entered the matrimonial state. This was the case with Esq. Sweetser who, after being chosen to said office, arose in town-meeting, and in his quaint manner thanked his friends for the honor conferred upon him, but begged to be excused on account of the infirmities of age, which, should he be called upon to perform the duties of his office, would prevent his "catching the d—d hogs." This was deemed a sufficient excuse, and the town voted "to excuse Mr. Sweetser from serving as hog-reeve."

For five years previous to the incorporation of the town, there was a rapid increase in the number of settlers. A large number of these were influential men, and their descendants have become useful and valuable citizens. Among this number may be mentioned David Wheeler, Reuben Ward, and Jedediah Tayntor, from Marlborough, Mass.; David Thurston, from Leominster; Jonathan Frost, from Sherburn; William Tenney, from Littleton, Mass.; and Robert Converse and Oliver Wright, residence unknown. The whole number of inhabitants at this time must have been less than four hundred.

The following inventory of taxable property for 1777 shows that the inhabitants had not only met with tolerable success in clearing and bringing their lands into a state of cultivation, but were good livers and rapidly increased in wealth:—

INVENTORY OF MARLBOROUGH, 1777.

No. Polls 18 yrs. & over,	76
“ Acres arable or tillage land,	82
“ “ mowing “	403
“ “ pasture “	423
“ Horses & Mares,	34
“ Colts 3 yrs. old,	1
“ “ 2 “ “	7
“ “ 1 “ “	1
“ Oxen,	64
“ Cows,	107
“ Cattle 3 yrs. old,	39
“ “ 2 “ “	30
“ “ 1 “ “	38
Sum total of money in hand and at interest,	£253. 6. 4.
Sum total of Real Estate,	£6089. 10. 0.
*Sum total,	£141. 12. 7.
Proportion to 1000, £—	£4. 6. 0

As the main occurrences of this and succeeding years relate mainly to the part which Marlborough sustained during the war of the Revolution, we will pause here, leaving those events to be chronicled in another chapter.

* I presume this means the assessed value of cattle, horses, &c.

CHAPTER III.

REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN HISTORY.—
CONDITION OF THE TOWN AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE WAR.—
RESULT OF THE BATTLE OF CONCORD AND LEXINGTON.—BATTLE
OF BUNKER HILL.—LOSS OF ARMS AND CLOTHING.—REPORT OF THE
SELECTMEN.—EXPEDITION AGAINST QUEBEC.—JACOB AND PEARSON
NEWELL.—THE FOURTEENTH REGIMENT.—TORIES DISARMED.—
ASSOCIATION TEST.—DISCHARGE OF BENJAMIN GOODENOW.—
COL. BALDWIN'S REGIMENT.—ALARM AND DEFENSIVE MEASURES.
—BOUNTIES OFFERED.—BATTLE OF STILLWATER.—LIEUT.-COL.
ANDREW COLBURN.—ALARM AT TICONDEROGA.—CAPT. LEWIS'
COMPANY.—THREE MEN AT THE BATTLE OF BENNINGTON.—EIGHT
MEN IN COL. MOOR'S REGIMENT.—ELEVEN MEN IN COL. HALE'S
REGIMENT.—REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, 1780.—MEN CALLED
FOR AND MEASURES TAKEN TO FILL THE QUOTA.—CONTINENTAL
MONEY.—LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.—NAMES OF
THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE ARMY AT DIFFERENT TIMES.—SOME
ACCOUNT OF SOLDIERS WHO AFTERWARDS BECAME INHABITANTS
OF THE TOWN.—ALEXANDER FISH.

THE American Revolution is one of the most interesting events in modern history. Changes equally great, and convulsions equally violent, have taken place; and history tells us of many instances in which oppression urged beyond endurance has called forth the spirit of successful and triumphant resistance. But in this event we see feeble colonies without an army, without a navy, without a revenue, without munitions of war, boldly stepping forth to meet the veteran armies of a powerful and vindictive nation.

We see these colonies amidst want, poverty, and misfortune, supported by the pervading spirit of liberty, and guided by the hand of a good Providence, for nearly eight years sustaining the weight of a cruel conflict upon their own soil.

At length we witness them victorious. Their enemies sullenly retire from their shores, and they stand forth enrolled on the page of history as a free and independent nation.

What people can dwell with more just satisfaction upon their history than ours? Almost all others trace their foundation to some ambitious and blood-thirsty leader who sought only to aggrandize himself by enslaving others. We may with truth say that our independence was won by the people who fought for the natural rights of man.

Whenever we advert to this portion of our history, and review it as well we may with patriotic pride, let us not forget the gratitude we owe to those who "fought and bled and died" for us, as well as to that benignant Providence who stayed the proud waves of British tyranny.

In giving this part of the history of Marlborough relating to the Revolutionary war, it will not be necessary to detail the causes which led to the struggle for American Independence; these are too well known to require reiteration here.

At the time of the breaking out of hostilities with Great Britain, Marlborough was but sparsely populated. There could not have been more than sixty men in all the town who were capable of bearing arms; the greater part of whom were heads of families, who found it extremely difficult to provide food and clothing for themselves and those dependent on them. When we consider this, we can see that had they been ever so much inclined to join their companions in the camp and field, they could only have done so at the risk of bringing upon their families privation and suffering. But these men were ardently attached to liberty, and were not wanting in patriotism; nor were they indifferent to the interests of their country in its struggle for independence.

On the 19th of April, 1775, that movement occurred which opened the war of the Revolution. That day's experience at Lexington immeasurably increased the courage of the Americans: as its tidings spread, the voice of war rang through the land, and preparations were everywhere made to carry it forward to a successful end.

It is to be regretted the public records give so little information concerning the residents of this town who served in the army during the Revolutionary war. To make the list complete the most faithful research has been made, not only of the town records, but of the military papers in the office of the Adjutant-General at Concord. We cannot learn as any of our citizens were present at the battle of Concord and Lexington, but immediately following that action a large number of troops from New Hampshire joined the army then assembled near Boston; and among them were six men from this town, *viz.*: Moses Tucker, Timothy Rogers, Robert Worsley, Daniel Collins, Lieut. James Brewer, and Pearson Newell. These men were all in the Third New Hampshire Regiment, commanded by Col. James Reed of Fitzwilliam, and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775. Moses Tucker and Pearson Newell were in Capt. Jonathan Whitcomb's company; Timothy Rogers, in Capt. Phillip Thomas' company; Lieut. James Brewer, Robert Worsley, and Daniel Collins, in Capt. Benjamin Mann's company.

This regiment was stationed for a season at Medford, but on the 12th of June received orders from Gen. Ward to march to Charlestown Neck, for the purpose of guarding the ferry at that place. At the battle of Bunker Hill, the New Hampshire troops took their position behind a rail fence between the redoubt and the Mystic River. Here they threw up a breastwork of stones across the beach to the river, extending the fence down the hill to the wall. This hastily-constructed parapet served an excellent purpose, as those behind it could take a most deadly aim at the advancing foe; and it is an established fact that the British troops in front of this wall were almost completely annihilated.

The following are the articles lost and the amount paid to the several men in behalf of the Colony:—

	£	s.		£	s.
Moses Tucker, . . .	2.	8.	Robert Worsley, . . .	15.	
Pearson Newell, . . .	2.	8.	Daniel Collins, . . .	8.	
Timothy Rogers, . . .		15.	L ^t Brewer,	6.	11.

The articles lost for which the above sums were paid were as follows:—

Moses Tucker st. Bod, d coat.
 Pearson Newell Gun, powder-horn and cartridge-box.
 Timothy Rogers one shirt.
 Robert Worsley a pair of Stockings.
 Daniel Collins a pair of Breeches.
 James Brewer a pair of Shoes.

In August the Provincial Congress sent to the selectmen of the several towns and places in New Hampshire, desiring them to make a return of the number of inhabitants in their respective towns, and also the number of fire-arms fit for use, and the number wanting to complete one for every person capable of using them, and also the quantity of powder in each place. The selectmen of Monadnock No. V. made the following—

REPORT.

Males under 16 years of age,	104
Males from 16 years of age to 50, not in the army,	54
All Males above 50 years of age,	2
Persons gone in the army, (out of which no. 2 are dead),	16
All Females,	148
Negroes and Slaves for life,	0
	324

Monadnock, No. 5, Oct^r 3^d 1775.

In Obidiance to the Directions herein given, we have taken a true account of all the persons belonging to this place, and Set the same Down in the Collums above, also an acct of Fire arms fit for Use (viz.) 26, & the number wanting is 28. Powder 5 1-2 lb. those persons that are gone in the army have furnished them Selves with Fire Armes.

BENJ^A TUCKER } Selectmen of
 ELIPLA STONE } Monadnock No. 5.

The comparative population of the town at this time with others in this vicinity will be seen by their returns: Jaffrey, 351; Marlow, 207; Nelson, 186; Dublin, 305; Peterborough, 549; Keene, 758.

Of the sixteen who were in the army at this period we know but little; it is probable that Lieut. James Brewer

and Timothy Rogers were among this number, and remained with the army in the vicinity of Boston until the close of the year.

Robert Worsley was another; he was in the expedition against Quebec, under Gen. Arnold. This expedition left Cambridge in September, and marched to Newburyport, and proceeded thence by water to the head of navigation on Kennebec River, thence through the forests of Maine and Canada to Quebec. Seldom was there an expedition attempted during the Revolution in which more hardship was endured or more untiring perseverance manifested than in this of Arnold's.

In ascending the Kennebec, his troops were constantly obliged to work against an impetuous current, and often to haul their bateaux up rapids and over dangerous falls; nor was their march through the country by an unexplored route of three hundred miles less difficult or dangerous. They had swamps and woods, mountains and precipices, alternately to cross. Added to other trials, their provisions failed; and to support life they were obliged to eat their dogs, cartouch-boxes, clothes, and shoes. While at the distance of one hundred miles from human habitations, they divided their whole store, about four pints of flour to a man; when thirty miles distant, they had baked and eaten their last morsel: yet the courage and fortitude of these men was unshaken. They were suffering for their country's cause, and contending for the rights and blessings of freedom. After thirty-one days of incessant toil through a hideous wilderness, they came to a settlement.

Mr. Worsley in his later years was fond of relating anecdotes illustrating the sufferings and privations through which he passed while on this expedition; some of these are mentioned in Mr. McColleston's Centennial Address.

Jacob Newell, Jr., was also in the army at this time; he joined the expedition that was sent to Canada, and was stationed several months at Ticonderoga. His brother, Pearson, was one of the two who were reported as dying in the army.

Of the remaining number of this little company we can give no information, as no army rolls of this date have been found. About this time the State was divided into seventeen geographical regiments, and a colonel was appointed over each, whose duty it was to see that his proportion of the soldiers required was raised. The Fourteenth Regiment was composed of the towns of Rindge, New Ipswich, Jaffrey, Peterborough, Temple, Fitzwilliam, Dublin, Marlborough, Stoddard, Nelson, Washington, and Sharon. Enoch Hale of Rindge was appointed colonel of this regiment, Nov. 2, 1775.

In March, 1776, the Continental Congress took measures to disarm all persons who were notoriously opposed to the cause of America. They passed a resolution on the subject, a copy of which was transmitted to all the Colonies. The Committee of Safety for New Hampshire, under the leadership of Hon. Meshach Weare, immediately sent to the several towns a copy of this resolution, and also a pledge of loyalty for the citizens of each town to sign. This pledge was called the "Association Test"; all those who refused to sign it were supposed to be Tories, and were looked upon by their neighbors with suspicion.

The original paper containing the signatures of fifty of the citizens of Monadnock No. V. was found in the office of the Secretary of State at Concord, from which the following copy was made:—

COLONY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, &C.

COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

April, 12, 1776.

To the Selectmen of Monadnock, No. five: In order to carry the under-written RESOLVE of the Honorable Continental Congress into execution, you are requested to desire all Males above twenty-one years of age, (lunatics, idiots and negroes excepted,) to sign the DECLARATION on this paper, and when so done, to make return thereof together with the name, or names of all who shall refuse to sign the same to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, or Committee of Safety of this Colony.

M. WEARE, Chairman.

IN CONGRESS, MARCH, 14th 1776.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Assemblies, Conventions and Councils, or Committees of Safety of the United States *immediately* to cause all persons to be *disarmed* within their respective Colonies, who are *notoriously* disaffected to the cause of AMERICA, or who have not associated and refused to associate to defend by ARMS the United Colonies against the hostile attempts of the British Fleet and Armies.

Extract from the minutes,

CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary.

In consequence of the above Resolution of the Continental CONGRESS, and to show our determination in joining our American brethren in defending the lives, liberties and properties of the inhabitants of the UNITED COLONIES;

We, the *Subscribers*, do hereby solemnly engage and promise that we will to the utmost of our power, at the risk of our lives and fortunes, with ARMS oppose the hostile proceedings of the British Fleets and Armies against the United American COLONIES.

This was signed by the following persons, and duly returned by the selectmen:—

Benjamin Tucker.
Jonathan Frost.
Thomas Riggs.
Abijah Tucker.
Eliphalet Stone.
Benoni Robbins.
Phineas Park.
Silas Fife.
Abel Woodard.
Benjamin Goodenow.
Berodick Webber.
Samuel Bishop.
John McBride.
Daniel Collins.
Joseph Cutting.
James Lewis.
Joseph Collins.
James Field.
Isaac McAllester.
Timothy Biemies.
Ebenezer Hixson.
John Tozer.
Stephen Woodard.
Moses Tucker.
Oliver Wright.

David Wheeler.
John Felton.
Richard Tozer.
Daniel Emerson.
Daniel Goodenow.
Thaddeas Hastings.
Reuben Ward.
Elnathan Newton.
Jonah Harrington.
William Adams.
Jedediah Tayntor.
William Tenney.
Richard Robbards.
Ebenezer Rhodes.
James Brewer.
Solomon Woodward.
James Flood.
David Dufer.
Abraham ^{His} + Brooks.
Jonathan ^{Mark} Goodenow.
Daniel Cutting.
David Thurston.
Jacob Newell.
Robert Converse.
Theodore Mann.

MONADNOCK, No. FIVE, July, ye 9th, 1776.

In obedience to the within Riten we have ofered the same to all our inhabitants and they have all sined excepting those whose names are heare under Riten ;

William Barker.
Richard Atwell.
Jonathan Shaw.

Ichabard Shaw.
Daniel Lawrence.

BENJAMIN TUCKER,	}	Selectmen of Monadnock No. five.
THOMAS RIGGS,		
ELIPHALET STONE,		

Tradition tells us that William Barker, although he refused to affix his name to this resolution, was not a Tory at heart, but, holding an office under the king, and not knowing certain which party would in the end become victorious, he withheld his name rather as a matter of prudence than from any disaffection towards the cause of the colonists.

Richard Atwell so far overcame his scruples that he enlisted and joined the army at Rhode Island. Jonathan and Ichabod Shaw were probably Tories indeed ; but, knowing that the sharp eye of the Committee of Safety was upon them, they remained quiet and peaceable, and as such were undisturbed. Daniel Lawrence was, we are informed, at the battle of Bunker Hill, but why he refused to sign his name to this resolution is a mystery that, at this late day, we are unable to solve.

In July, 1776, a regiment of New Hampshire militia was raised to reinforce the army in Canada, but joined the northern army then commanded by Gen. Gates. This regiment, commanded by Col. Isaac Wyman of Keene, remained in the vicinity of Ticonderoga nearly five months, and suffered much from sickness. On the roll of Capt. Joseph Parker's company in this regiment, we find the names of Benjamin Goodenow, Abel Woodward, and Peter Tozer, who enlisted for five months. Benjamin Goodenow was discharged before the expiration of his term of enlistment for reasons set forth in the following

DISCHARGE.

MOUNT INDEPENDENCE, October the 11th, 1776.

This May Certify, that Benjamin Goodenow, a Private in Cap^t Joseph Parker's Company, of Col^o Isaac Wyman's Regiment, is rendered unfit for future Service this Campaign, by Reason of a Slow intermitting fever, these six Weeks past, And is hereby Recommended for a Discharge. To Col^o Wyman.

SAM^l WIGGLESWORTH, Surgeon.

In consequence of the above certificate, and convinced that the complaint of Benjamin Goodenow is not fictitious, I Recommend the said Benjamin Goodenow, Private in Captain Joseph Parker's Company, of the Regiment under my command, Aged Twenty Nine years, about five feet Eight Inches high, Dark Brown hair, Blue Eyes, Dark Complexion, Belonging to the Town of New Marlborough in New Hampshire, New England, as a proper Person to be Discharged from the Army of the United States of America.

To The Hon^{ble} Major Gen^l Gates.

ISAAC WYMAN COL^o

Commanding at Ticonderoga.

I, Benjamin Goodenow, Private in Captain Joseph Parkers company of Col^o Isaac Wyman's Regiment, do acknowledge that I have Received all my pay and Arrears of all kinds, due to me for my Service in the Army of the United States of America.

BENJAMIN GOODENOW.

Benjamin Goodenow a Private in Cap^t Joseph Parker's Company of Col^o Isaac Wyman's Regiment, is for the Reason above Mentioned, Discharged from the Service of the United States of America.

HORATIO GATES.

Given at Head Quarters,

11th day of October, 1776.

In September, another regiment was raised to reinforce the army in New York. This was commanded by Col. Nahum Baldwin. The third company in this regiment was commanded by Capt. Abijah Smith, of New Ipswich. The pay-roll of this company gives but two men from this town; *viz.*, Daniel Goodenow and Jonah Harrington. This regiment was stationed on Long Island and in the vicinity of New York until the first of December, and was under the immediate command of Gen. Washington.

In the spring of 1777, it was settled in England that an invasion of the States should be attempted from the north,

and a communication formed between Canada and New York. The execution of the plan was committed to Gen. Burgoyne who left Canada with seven thousand troops, besides a powerful train of artillery and several tribes of Indians.

Measures were immediately taken by the colonists to raise a sufficient number of men to prevent this invasion which now seemed inevitable. Orders were issued to fill the regiments with men enlisted for three years, or during the war. The number required from Col. Enoch Hale's regiment was one hundred and nineteen men; of this number, Marlborough was to raise six.

Calvin Goodenow, Frederick Freeman, and Reuben McAlister immediately offered themselves to help fill the quota. No others being found who signified their willingness to serve their country in this time of peril, a town-meeting was called for the purpose of devising some method to fill their quota. At this meeting, the town voted to give "twenty pounds apiece to the three men that are now to raise." David Wheeler, Capt. James Lewis, and Ens. Richard Roberts, were chosen a committee to procure the men.

The offer of this bounty was sufficient to tempt Adino Goodenow, Timothy Rogers, and Jabez McBride to add their names to the list and complete the quota. The fact that one-half of the number received twenty pounds apiece more than the rest was probably the cause of some dissatisfaction on the part of those who had volunteered without the promise of any bounty.

The town feeling that they had acted unjustly in the matter, called a meeting on the 23d of June, in the warrant for which was an article "to See if the town will Cum into any method, Whereby Each person Liable By Law to pay taxes, may Bare an Equal part with others, in Supporting the american Cause according to their interest Both for the time past and yet to Cum." In response to this article, William Adams, Abijah Tucker, and Richard Tozer, engaged to pay Calvin Goodenow twenty pounds for his services in

the war; Stephen Woodward, John Felton, and Phineas Parks engaged to pay Frederick Freeman twenty pounds for his services in the war; and William Barker, Oliver Wright, and David Wheeler engaged to pay Reuben McAlister twenty pounds for his services in the war, "if called for."

Peter Tozer also enlisted about this time, and received a bounty of twenty pounds, as is shown by the following paper, which was copied from the original, now on file in the Adjutant-General's office at Concord:—

A Muster Roll and Pay Roll of a part of Cap. Daniel Livermore's Comp in Col^o Scammels Regt mustered at the desire of L^t Col. Colburn of said Reg^t which Regiment was raised by the State of New Hampshire for the Continental Service, 1777.

We the Subscribers Do acknowledge that we have received of Tho. Sparhawk one of the muster masters for the State of New Hampshire the several sums prefixed to our names.

Names	1777	Title	Age	Place of Abode	Travel	Bounty	Mileage	Total Moneys
Adino Goodenough,	May 2	Private	22	Marlboro	31	£ 20	5. 2	£ 20.5. 2
Calvin Goodenough,	" "	"	17	"	31	20	5. 2	20.5. 2
Fredrick Freeman,	" 4	"	17	"	31	20	5. 2	20.5. 2
Peter Tozer,	" 30	"	18	"	31	20	5. 2	20.5. 2
Joseph Porter,	June 17	"	16	Chesterfield	29	20	4.10	20.4.10

I have mustered the above men able bodied, Effective and have paid them the several sums set against each of their names.

THOMAS SPARHAWK M.M.

These men were in Scammel's regiment, of which Andrew Colburn of this town, was lieutenant-colonel. This regiment participated in the battle of Stillwater, September 19, 1777. Never was more bravery and determination shown than on this occasion. By turns the British and Americans drove each other, taking and re-taking the field-pieces, and often mingling in a hand-to-hand wrestle and fight. Scammel's regiment was in the thickest of the battle; it is said

the colonel fought like a hero, never leaving his post until he was wounded and taken off the field. Lieut.-Col. Colburn arose that morning with a severe headache, and instead of wearing his hat he tied a handkerchief over his head and entered the battle with his companions. The handkerchief became a mark for the British, and he was killed in the early part of the action. Of the history of this brave and active officer, but little is known beyond what is recorded here. He is first mentioned in the Proprietors' records in 1771, and for several years served as moderator of the meetings. Col. James Reed, in a letter, commended him to the appointing power as a man worthy to receive the commission of captain, asserting that he had had experience in the French war, etc. Frederick Freeman was also killed in the same battle. Adino Goodenow was discharged December 18, 1778, by Gen. Poor.

In the spring of 1777, the storm of war which had for some time been gathering at the North, almost unnoticed by the Americans, began to roll down upon the frontier settlements with alarming rapidity. Although the leaders of the Continental army were aware that a large British force had landed at Quebec, from which an invasion was expected, either by way of Oswego or through the valley of Lake Champlain, yet, counting on the same dilatory action which had ever characterized the movements of the enemy since the battle of Bunker Hill, they supposed it might be late in the summer before the hostile army would reach the military posts on Champlain. But in this they were greatly mistaken; for as soon as the waters of the North became navigable, Gen. Burgoyne landed at Montreal, and in another week his army was marching along the shores of Lake Champlain.

The American generals were greatly surprised at the rapid advance of the enemy; and, having delayed to strengthen their defences, they were but illy prepared to meet so powerful a force. An alarm was immediately sounded throughout the country, and men were seen in every direction marching toward Ticonderoga.

We do not learn as any of our citizens enlisted at this time; but at a second alarm, a few weeks after, James Lewis immediately enlisted a company of twenty-six men (all but three of them were from this town), and marched for the scene of action.

Pay Roll of Capt. James Lewis' Company in Col. E. Hale's Regt. which marched, June, 29, 1777, to reinforce the Garrison at Ticonderoga.

Capt. James Lewis.	Robert Converse.
Lieut. Richard Robbins.*	James Brewer.
Ensign Oliver Wright.	Edward Wright.‡
Sergt. John Rogers.	James Dean.
Corp ^l Benja Goodenough.	Samuel Bishop Jr.
John Felton.	John Tozer.
Moses Tucker,	Richard Tozer.
Jonathan Harrington.†	Eliphalet Stone.
Thomas Upham.	Phinehas Park.
John Lewis.	William Tenney.
James Bemis.	Elnathan Newton.
Elijah Park.	David Barrass.‡
James Flood.	Ezra Towne.‡

On the fourth day of their march, they received information that Gen. St. Clair was about to abandon the fortress, and, the company being ordered to return, soon after disbanded.

Gen. Burgoyne now determined to send a large force through Vermont, — or “New Hampshire Grants,” as it was then called, — and subjugate New England. As soon as it became known that this was his object, the Committee of Safety of Vermont sent out expresses to alarm the adjacent States. The legislature of New Hampshire held a session of three days, and divided the militia of the State into brigades, to be commanded by Col. William Whipple and Gen. John Stark. The brigade under Stark was soon filled, and marched to Vermont with instructions “to act in conjunction with the troops of the new State, or any other of the States, or the United States, or separately, as it

*This probably means Richard Roberts.

†Jonah Harrington.

‡These three men were probably from other towns in this vicinity.

should appear expedient to him for the protection of the people and the annoyance of the enemy."

For this brigade Capt. Salmon Stone, of Rindge, raised a company of sixty-five men, which was joined to the regiment commanded by Col. Moses Nichols. In this company Marlborough sent three men; *viz.*, Isaac McAlister, Sergeant, William Tenney, Corporal, and John Tozer. These men were in the thickest of the fight at the battle of Bennington, and also participated in the stormy scenes prior to and at the surrender of Burgoyne.

In September another company was raised in this vicinity, and James Lewis was appointed captain. In this company were the following men from Marlborough:—

Jedediah Tayntor, Sergeant.	John Tozer.
John Felton, Corporal.	John Lewis.
James Bemis.	Thomas Upham.

Moses Tucker was first lieutenant in the fourth company of the same regiment which was commanded by Col. Daniel Moore. This regiment joined the army at Saratoga, and was present at the capitulation of the army of Gen. Burgoyne.

In the summer of 1778, a French fleet was sent upon our coast to operate against the British who were then in possession of Rhode Island. While this fleet was to act against them seaward, Gen. Sullivan was to attack them by land. New Hampshire furnished a brigade of troops for the occasion, commanded by Gen. William Whipple. Col. Enoch Hale, of Rindge had command of a regiment raised in this section of the State. In the fourth company of which James Lewis was captain, we find the names of eleven men from Marlborough, as follows:—

Moses Tucker, Sergeant.	Thaddeous Haystings.
John Lewis, Corporal.	John McBride.
David Wheeler.	Thomas Riggs.
Phineas Park.	Richard Atwell.
Jonathan Goodenough.	Abijah Tucker.
Abel Woodward.	

James Lewis entered the service August 8th, and served twenty-three days, for which he received £21 16s.; Moses Tucker received for his service at this time £12 4s. 4d.

In 1779, the State authorities called for five hundred men to fill up the three Continental battalions from this State. James Lewis and Russell Oliver were hired by the town to enter the service. We find no other enlistments during the year.

From the following returns made by the selectmen in 1780, it would seem that the town had as yet spent but little in paying bounties to soldiers, and that those who had hitherto entered the service had enlisted more from a sense of duty and love of country than for the sake of obtaining a bounty:—

To the Honorable general Court of the State of Newhampshire, gentlemen, the town of marlborough Was called upon for six men to Engage for three years, Which men the town made out to acceptance of our head Colonel, as our proportion of Continental men. Jabez McBride, Reuben mcalester and timothy Rogers, Received no money of the town as a hire, adino goodenow, Calvin goodenow, and Fredarick freeman, have received twenty pounds Each as town Bounty Which the town Paid the tenth Day of april, 17 — (records defaced.)

In July, 1779 the town hired two men more for to serve in the Continental army for the term of one year. Gave to Capt. James Lewis, as a hire, 130 Bushels of Rie and forty pounds of money. Russell Oliver Received 120 Bushels of Rie and forty pounds money this Being the Whole that the town of marlborough hath paid to the Continental Soldiers. Which they had to Raise from January the 1, 1777, to January ye, 1, 1780.

Marlborough Feb. the 9th 1780.

DAVID WHEELER } Selectmen of
OLIVER WRIGHT } marlborough.

There is no record of any enlistments during the year 1780; but Feb. 13, 1781, a meeting was held for the purpose of devising some method to fill their quota. The records of this meeting show that it was no easy task to obtain the requisite number of men. They voted first that Adino Goodenow, Calvin Goodenow, and Timothy Rogers, answer for "three of our Quota of Continental men During the war." James Brewer, Moses Tucker, and Eliphalet Stone,

were chosen a committee to procure the remainder of the quota. The meeting was then adjourned to the 26th of the month.

At this meeting, it was voted to "Except of the man John Tozer hired during the war and to make Return of him as one of our Quota." Voted, to give "Sixty pounds old way apeace for Each man for three years, or During the war." Voted, "that the committee get the men Before march meeting, if to Behad for the above Sum." Voted, "that Mr. Atwell and Lt Brewer go to the muster marster and make Return of thoes men which this town has Engaged During the war."

At an adjourned meeting, it was voted "to give mr. Daniel Goodenow three Hundred hard Dollars as a hire for his son Ebenezer three years in the Continental Service." Voted, "to pay one hundred Dollars to mr Goodenow in one month, one hundred more in two years, Interest to Begin with the second years service." Voted, "to pay mr Goodenow one hundred more in three years Interest to Begin in two years from now." Voted, "that the Selectmen Give notes for the above Sums in Behalf of the town to mr. Goodenow for his son's hire. Voted, that Lt. Moses Tucker see the men mustered which this town hires for the army."

At the same time Lieut. James Brewer who was moderator of the meeting, made the town the following proposals: "If I engage for the town for three years, I will have five hundred dollars continental money, one hundred dollars the old way the first year, one half in four months, if I serve six months, and one hundred more for the second year, if I serve six months in the second year, and one hundred more, if I serve the third year six months more." The town accepted these proposals, and the selectmen were instructed to give Mr. Brewer security for the above sums in behalf of the town.

One great barrier which rendered it difficult to procure men for the service was the extreme scarcity of hard money. In June, 1775, Congress issued bills of credit to the amount

of two millions of dollars. This emission was soon followed by another of one million. For their redemption the confederated colonies were pledged; each colony to provide means to pay its proportion by the year 1779. At the expiration of eighteen months from their first emission, when about twenty millions had been issued, they began to depreciate. At first this was scarcely perceptible, but they continued to lose in value daily. Desirous of arresting the growing depreciation, Congress at length resorted to loans and taxes; but it was difficult to negotiate for the loans, and taxes could not always be collected.

Pressed with the necessities of an army, Congress was obliged to continue to issue bills after they had begun to depreciate, and to pay that depreciation by increasing the sums emitted; so that by the year 1780 the amount in circulation was no less than two hundred millions.

The progress of this diminution is worthy of notice. At the close of the year 1777, the depreciation was two or three for one; in '78, five or six for one; in '79, twenty-seven or twenty-eight for one; in '80, fifty or sixty for one in the first five months. From this date, the circulation of these bills was limited; but when they passed they soon depreciated to one hundred and fifty for one, and finally several hundred for one. Several causes contributed to diminish the value of the Continental currency. The excess in quantity at first caused a natural decline in value, which was increased by the enemy who counterfeited the bills and spread their forgeries through the States. These causes coöperating with the decline of public confidence rapidly increased the decline, until bills of credit, or what was commonly called "Continental money," became of little or no value. The evils which resulted from this system were immense. From this fact, it became extremely difficult to raise an army and provide for its subsistence. At the same time, it originated discontent among the officers and soldiers, since their pay in this depreciated currency was inadequate to the support of their families. "Four months' pay of a private would not procure his family a single bushel of

wheat, and the pay of a colonel would not purchase oats for his horse."

That Marlborough experienced her share of the evils arising from this state of the currency, is clearly shown by the following letter from the Selectmen to the Committee of Safety of New Hampshire:—

May y^e, 20th, 1782.

To the honourable, the Committee of Safety of the State of New Hampshire.

Gentlemen, in obedience to a precept Received From the Honorable, the General Court to procure our Cota of Continental men, we have yoused our utmost Endeavours to procure said men our-selves, we Emeadately called a town meeting and Chose a Com^{tn} for that purpose which Committee has made a return that they cannot procure said men without paying such a large sum of hard money in hand to procure said men that it puts the matter beyond our power to procure said men upon so short Notice, we therefore Begg Leave to Inform your Honours that it is not in Disobedience to that precept but it is the Extreame Scarcity of hard money in this New town has put it out of our power at present to yeild that obedience that we should have been glad to have Done.

N. B.

we would Inform your honours that we have one man Now in the field that was not Creadited for Last year, viz Calvin Goodenow who was hired in y^e year 1777 by this town to Serve for Said town During the war and at the avacuation of ticonderoga he was taken prisoner and Never joined his Regt till Last may and since that he Deserted and was Last march taken up and is Now in the first Regt in the hampshire line.

JAMES BREWER	} Select men of Marlborough.
JAMES FLOOD	
EBENEZER TEMPLE	
SILAS FIFE	
DANIEL CUTTING	

Among the soldiers mustered from this town in 1781, we find the name of Shem Kentfield who was mustered in April 16. Dr. Caverly reports him as "hanged, June, 1782," but for what offence he does not state. He was probably the man spoken of as hired by John Tozer.

In addition to the names already given of those who entered the service from this town, we are informed that Shubael Stone, Theodore Mann, Abraham Brooks, Peter

Starkey, Eli Lewis, and Walter Capron were in the army for a longer or shorter time, but at what period of the war we cannot say, as we have been unable to find their names upon any muster-roll. Other persons who afterwards settled in Marlborough were soldiers of the Revolution. Their names are as follows:—

Benjamin Spaulding,	Jonadab Baker,
Francis Barker,	Hezekiah Hodgkins,
Jonas Gary,	Nathaniel Corbin,
Joel Porter,	• Seth Harrington,
Asa Porter,	Lawson Moors,
Jacob Woodward,	William Collins,
Timothy Harvey,	Ebenezer Tufts,
Kimber Harvey,	Benjamin Thatcher,
Aaron Willard,	Ebenezer Hemenway,
David Wilkinson,	John Wiswall, Sen.,
Daniel Farrar,	Oliver Parmenter,
George Farrar,	Hugh Mason,
Ebenezer Tolman,	John Buss,
Benjamin Tolman,	Jonathan Blodgett,
John Garfield,	Elias Hemenway,
Thomas Moors,	Enoch White,
Joseph French,	Daniel Lawrence,
Oldham Gates,	Jonathan Belding,
Jonathan Adams,	Paul Fitch.
Theophilous Howard,	

Francis Barker was a native of Concord, Mass. At the age of fourteen, he was apprenticed to Capt. Timothy Wheeler who was a miller and malt-maker. Mr. Barker was fifteen years old when the battle of Concord took place, and was eye-witness to much that transpired between the British and Americans in Concord that day.

The British soldiers on their arrival divided into parties, and went directly to the several places where the province stores were deposited. They rolled out the barrels of flour which, unheaded, they emptied into the streets and rode their horses through it. Mr. Wheeler had a large quantity of provincial flour, together with some casks of his own, stored upon his premises. A British officer demanding entrance, he readily gave him admission. The officer

expressed his pleasure at the discovery, and ordered his soldiers to destroy it; but Capt. Wheeler, with much affected simplicity, said to him, putting his hand on one of his own barrels: "This is my flour. I am a miller, sir; yonder stands my mill; I get my living by it. In the winter, I grind a good deal of wheat, and get it ready for market in the spring."

The officer supposing they were all his, and replying that he did not intend to injure private property, turned away and left it unmolested. This was all of the government flour and grain saved in Concord that day.

The proceedings of the British on that occasion were more than young Barker knew how to bear, and he was heard to say in later years that it "made his blood boil with indignation." He at once obtained leave of his master to enter the service; but, on going to the recruiting office, he was told by the officer in charge that he "was not large enough for a soldier, and that he must go home and get his mother to make him another pudding." He waited one year, and again offered himself to his country; but again he was doomed to disappointment. At the age of seventeen, he entered the army, where he remained three years and six months.

Jonadab Baker was in the campaign at Rhode Island, where he remained three months. After his return, he again enlisted, and went to West Point, and was there when Major André was taken as a spy.

Joel Porter was in the army about two years: he was in the battle of Bunker Hill, where he was shot through the ankle near the commencement of the action. The bone was badly shattered; but, having poured some rum from his canteen through the wound, he continued in the fight till his ammunition was expended and a retreat was ordered. In consequence of his wound, he received a pension of fifteen dollars per annum during the last twenty years of his life.

Asa Porter, a brother of Joel, was in many of the most famous battles of the Revolution, including Monmouth, White Plains, and Yorktown, and witnessed the surrender

of Cornwallis. The battle of Monmouth was fought on the 28th of June, 1778. Mr. Porter used to say that the extreme heat of that day "killed more men than the British did." The tongues of many of the soldiers were so swollen that it was impossible to retain them in the mouth. Mr. Porter said that he, with many others of his companions, drank gunpowder with their rum; and this he believed prevented their being overcome by the heat. At the battle of White Plains, Mr. Porter picked up a cannon-ball which he brought home as a trophy of the war. It is still preserved by his descendants.

Jacob Woodward was in the army at three different times, entering the service at the age of sixteen. He was at West Point also at the time of the capture of Major André, and was one of the soldiers who guarded him the night before his execution.

Timothy Harvey and his brother Kimber enlisted from Swanzey. Kimber was hired by the town of Swanzey to serve for the period of eight months, for which he received thirteen pounds.

William Collins entered the army from Southborough, when only sixteen years of age, serving at first in the capacity of captain's servant. At one time, the army being short of provisions, a strict guard was kept over the bread, which was dealt out to the soldiers in very small quantities. One day Collins and two or three of his comrades, feeling more than usual the pangs of hunger, formed a plan to steal a quantity of bread. Collins was to watch for an opportunity, when the guard was looking the other way, to catch the bread and run; and, if discovered, his companions in the plot were to call the attention of the officers in the opposite direction. They sauntered up near the pile of bread, when, seeing a good opportunity, Collins suddenly snatched a loaf and ran. The theft was immediately discovered; but his companions, acting well their part, started and ran in the opposite direction, crying as they did so, "This way! this way!" thus deceiving the officers, and enabling Collins to escape to the place previously agreed upon, where he

divided the loaf equally with his companions who had assisted him in the plot.

Aaron Willard was at White Plains. The following incident was related by him to Deacon Abel Baker, of Troy who in turn gave it to the author. On the night before the battle, a picket-guard, under a colonel including the company to which Mr. Willard belonged, was ordered on duty between Washington's camp and the British army. They advanced through a piece of woods, and were stationed for the night about thirty or forty rods toward the British camp, leaving the woods between them and the American lines. In the company to which Willard belonged there was one Green who, though he had but one eye, was considered the smartest man in the company. As it began to grow light in the morning, a thick fog came on, so that nothing could be seen at any distance; but, as the fog cleared away about eight o'clock, they beheld the British Light Horse Guards within twenty or thirty rods of them. As soon as the colonel discovered the enemy, he ordered his men to fire and retreat to the woods. The British cavalry pursued, in order to overtake them before they had time to screen themselves behind the trees; but Green stopped on the field and gave them a second shot, and then followed his comrades towards the woods, but was singled out by a horseman who raised his sword in order to finish him at a single blow. Green loaded his gun as he ran; and, when he jumped the fence at the edge of the timber, the horseman brought his sword down and gave him a slight flesh-wound in the shoulder. As Green struck the ground, he brought his gun round back-handed, and fired with so good aim that the horseman paid dearly for his recklessness, for he fell from his horse a dead man.

Benjamin Thatcher, it is said, served during the greater part of the war, and was in many of the most important battles. He was in the retreat from Ticonderoga to Stillwater in August, 1777, and was also present at the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne.

David Wilkinson, Senior, entered the army at the age of

sixteen from Walpole, Mass. He was at West Point at the time of Arnold's treachery, and was present at the execution of André. The records of Walpole state that the town "voted to give each soldier one-half bushel of Indian corn for each day's service, and the same quantity for every ten miles' travel."

Daniel Farrar was one of the minute-men at Concord, and also took part in the battle of Bunker Hill, where a musket-ball clipped a lock of his whiskers. His term of enlistment expired soon after, and we do not learn as he again entered the service. His brother George was in the army some five or six years, but we have not been able to gain any information of his military career.

John Wiswall, Senior, the father of Major John Wiswall, entered the army from Newton, Mass. He was at the battle of Lexington, being a member of a company from Newton which was commanded by his brother Jeremiah. His father, Capt. Noah Wiswall, was in the same company, being at that time seventy-six years old. The History of Newton states that, in 1777, John Wiswall lent the town twenty pounds to pay the soldiers.

Ebenezer Tolman enlisted from Fitzwilliam. He was under Col. Stark, and was at the battle of Bunker Hill. He assisted in building the breastwork of rail-fence and hay, and fought behind it when the British made the attack. He was also in the expedition against Quebec under Arnold, where he was captured and held a prisoner four months. After being exchanged, he re-enlisted and served through the greater part of the war.

His brother Benjamin was in the battle of Lexington and also of Bunker Hill, where he was in the thickest of the fight. In a hand-to-hand conflict, his gun was wrenched from him by a British soldier; but he stood his ground, defending himself with the weapons Nature had furnished him, until his captain, seeing his condition, quickly brought him another musket, with which he continued to fight until ordered to retreat. Mr. Tolman was paid by the State for articles lost in the battle, as follows: "For shoes 1s.; for

stockings 2s.; for trousers 2s. 6d.; for shirts 5s.; for sundries 2s." He was in the army about two and a half years, receiving a compensation of £4 10s. per month. The last battle in which he was engaged was that of Bennington, where he passed through one of the most trying scenes of his military life. Ezekiel Mixer, his companion in arms, and the one who had been his most intimate friend for two years, received his death-wound while fighting by his side. Mr. Tolman bore him from the field and closed his dying eyes.

Enoch White entered the service from Bolton, Mass. The following is copied from an old book which formerly belonged to Mr. White, and was once the property of his father, Samuel White, having been purchased by the latter in 1764.

A list of towns which I went through a going to Benington and half moon in the American revolutionary war, July, 30, 1777, left Bolton in the Bay State and went to Lancaster, Starlin; Shuesbury; Holden; Rutland: Bare: Petersham: New Salem; Shutsborough: Amherst: Hadley: North Hamten; Chesterfield: Withington; Patridgefield: Gageborough: New Providence: Whosick: Pownal: Benington: Dutch Whosick: Mapleton Pitsfield: Half moon. Came home September 3^d 1777.

Also a list of towns I went through to Rhodeisland. Sept. 1781, left Bolton Masachusetts Bay and went to Marlborough, Southborough: Hopkinton Milford: Belingham: Cumberland: Rehoboth: Swanzey: Waring: Bristol: Pary: Rhodeisland Come home, November 30 1781.

ENOCH WHITE.

Jonathan Belding was at West Point, and witnessed the desertion of Arnold: he saw him (with the aid of a spy-glass) climbing over the side of the vessel. Several of the soldiers with himself were so excited they fired their guns at Arnold, but a cannon-ball would have failed to reach him at so great a distance. Mr. Belding used to relate that upon one occasion when on a long march their rations failed; and such was their famished condition that they roasted and ate their shoes, after which they could be tracked by the blood from their feet for two days. The first food they came across was an ox which they

slaughtered and commenced dressing, but such was their hunger that, when they came to the inwards, these were cut or torn open, thrown upon the fire, roasted, and being eaten were declared to be the best food that ever passed their lips.

Joseph French was in the battle of Bunker Hill. He had been serving in the capacity of Drum-major; but one of his neighbors to whom he had lent his gun, having served his time, returned the gun to French just before the battle. Mr. French laid aside the drum, and took up his musket and entered the ranks. Near the close of the action, he was wounded in the back of the neck.

We regret that so little is known of the military career of those men who fought for their country's liberty; but they long since passed from earth, and their descendants have treasured up but little of their history, so that at this late day it is impossible to give any connected account of their adventures and experience.

There was one man who, although he was a British soldier, must not be forgotten in these pages. Alexander Fish, a Scotchman by birth, was a soldier in the British army. He started with Burgoyne from Montreal, and shared in the trials and difficulties of the campaign from that place to New York. His business was to drive a span of horses attached to a large brass gun belonging to one of the batteries. After the battle of Saratoga, and before the surrender of the army, an order was given to drive that gun away from the encampment and bury it. The order was obeyed. Fish drove the gun to the spot, the hole was dug, the gun dismounted and buried. Fish marked the spot with the intention of securing it at some convenient time for his own benefit. Soon after the surrender, and before the prisoners were exchanged, he deserted, and took up his residence in Marlborough. He married an Englishwoman, by the name of Mary Montgomery, whose history was even more singular than that of her husband. She belonged to the titled family of Montgomery in England, and was brought up in affluence. At the time of the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, she was receiving the attentions

of a British officer, much against the will of her parents. The officer being ordered to America with his regiment, invited her to accompany him, which she did, expecting to be married upon their arrival in America; but in this, for some reason unknown to us, she was disappointed, and instead of being married became an article of merchandise among the soldiers. She followed the fortunes of the army until the surrender of Burgoyne, when Fish having made up his mind to desert, bought her of a comrade for a gallon of rum, and brought her to Marlborough where they were married. They resided in the east part of the town on what is now called the Alger place, living in what was called the "Old Tomb," being a dug-out, in a knoll near where the Hunt road intersected with the one leading to the Phinehas Farrar place. It is quite likely he constructed this rude habitation, as it is not known that any one had resided there before him.

Some years after the war was over, he made a journey to Saratoga to secure the buried gun: he probed about with a bar where he supposed it was, but finally came away without accomplishing his object. He then applied to a conjurer for information, and being informed "that he struck the muzzle of the gun with his iron bar," he started again about 1804 or 1805, accompanied with Luther Tenney and Tisdale Howard; but, after searching for some days, they gave up the project without finding the gun.

In his intercourse with his neighbors, it is said, he was not always conciliatory, and did not lose his fighting qualities while in the army.

The latter part of his life he lived on the north side of the road, about half way between the place where William C. Mason now resides and the farm formerly owned by Noah Porter. For many years he was intemperate, and died leaving no descendants. He died about 1824 or 1825; his wife having died, October 3, 1821.

CHAPTER IV.

ADOPTION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION. — WAR OF 1812. —
INCORPORATION OF THE TOWNS OF ROXBURY AND TROY.

ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION DRAWN UP. — REJECTION OF THE PLAN
OF GOVERNMENT BY THE TOWN. — REJECTION OF THE SECOND
PLAN OF GOVERNMENT. — AMENDMENTS OFFERED. — WAR DECLARED
AGAINST ENGLAND. — AMMUNITION PURCHASED BY THE TOWN. —
MEN CALLED FOR. — THE DRAFT. — INSPECTION OF THE MILITIA BY
COL. PRESCOTT. — A SHAM FIGHT. — ROXBURY SET OFF. — TROY
INCORPORATED.

SOON after the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress believing that success must eventually crown their efforts, commenced drawing up various articles of confederation and perpetual union between the States.

Such articles were obviously necessary, in order that the line of distinction between the powers of the respective States and of Congress should be exactly defined. In this way only, could the peace and harmony of the Union be preserved. Accordingly, such articles were digested, and at the sitting of Congress, October 4, 1776, were signed by all the members, and copies immediately sent to the respective assemblies of each State, and by them sent to each town in the State for approval.

These articles of confederation were brought before the citizens of Marlborough at a meeting called for that purpose, February 6, 1778. At this meeting, Lieut. Oliver Wright was moderator, and it was "voted to accept all the articles of confederation except the eighth." At the same meeting it was voted to give Benjamin Tucker who was representative to the General Assembly, the following instructions: — "Voted, that all the articles of Confederation Be Concurred

with Except the Eighth, Which Wee Look upon that Every Residant in the united States, Should Bare their Equil proportion according to what thay poses, Both in Real and personal Estate. Voted, that there Be a free and Ful Representation, to Lay a Lasting, just and Righteous Sistim of government in this State."

A convention for the above purpose assembled at Concord, June 10, 1778. We find no record of any delegate being sent from this town to attend that convention. From the following record of a town meeting held September 2, 1779, it appears that the convention prepared and sent abroad a system of government. "Voted not to Except of the Declaration of Rites and plan of government; the Return of Said Vote, forty fore Voters: forty three votes for not Receiving S^d plan, and one for Receiving Said plan." It was rejected by a majority of the votes in the State.

Another convention was called June, 1781, which held nine sessions before a plan was devised that was wholly accepted, not closing until October, 1783. In 1782, the convention formed a plan of government, which they sent to every town, desiring the people to act upon it, and then return it. At a town meeting held November 29, 1782, this constitution having been read, it was voted not to accept it; and Alexander Parkman, David Wheeler, Joseph Follet, Samuel Soper, Moses Tucker, Jedediah Tayntor, and James Brewer, were chosen a committee to draw up an amendment to lay before the town. The meeting was then adjourned for a week; when, having met according to adjournment, they voted to accept the amendments as drawn up by the committee, which were as follows:—

In the 36 article in the Bill of Rights concerning pensions, it is the opinion of the inhabitants of this town, that no pensions Be allowed to any person, Excepting particular persons meeting with Extraordinary misfortune, as Loss of Limbs and the Like, 2^{ly}, that all Representatives, their wages for their attendance, as well as travel to the general assembly, be paid at the Expence of the State, 3^{ly}, that it is the opinion of S^d town that where the Constitution limits any time as two, seven, or any Number of years, for any person to Be an inhabitant in the State to attain to office; that any person ought to be Elected without that

Restraint, and that the Electors ought in all Reason to be Sole judges of such Elections. 4^y and that the governor & Council have power in the recess of the General Court, to adjourn thirty Days, 5^{thly} and that the governor and Council have power to put the inhabitants of this State into marshal array upon any sudden Emergency, but not to keep them longer than thirty Days without order from the general Court: 6^{thly} all Judicial officers to be appointed by the general Court, and Commissioned by the Governor, Except Justices of the peace, Captains and Subaltern of Company, to be Chosen and appointed by inhabitants of Each town, and to be Commissioned as aforesaid, 7^{thly} and it is the opinion of the inhabitants of Said town, that the town Clark be appointed Rejerstor of Deeds of Land Lying in their Respective towns, and in Such proceeding would save Emense Cost, 8^{thly} and it is further the opinion of S^d town that the State Treasurer and Commisery General, be under Sufficient Bonds for the execution of their trust.

The new plan of government was not finished until October, 1783, and was not declared to be the Constitution of New Hampshire until June, 1784.

WAR OF 1812.

Although generally spoken of as the *war of 1812*, it was not till June, 1814, that Congress passed a bill declaring war against Great Britain, which soon after received the signature of the President. The principal grounds for war, as set forth in a message of the President to Congress a short time previous, were summarily: the impressment of American seamen by the British; the blockade of her enemies' ports, supported by no adequate force, in consequence of which the American commerce had been plundered in every sea, and the great staples of the country cut off from the legitimate markets. On these grounds President Madison urged the declaration of war.

Preparations were immediately made for hostilities; and each town provided itself with a stock of ammunition. Marlborough following the example of her neighbors in this respect, called a meeting August 31, at which time it was voted to purchase one hundred pounds of powder, two

hundred pounds of lead, and four hundred flints. What the town expected to do with such a quantity of ammunition, the record does not state: certain it is that it was never used in defending her territory against the invasion of the enemy, but was stored in the attic of the old meeting-house, where it remained until after peace was declared, when it was divided equally among the several voters in town.

May 29, 1812, his Excellency, John Langdon, issued orders for detailing three thousand five hundred men from the militia of this State to be organized into companies, battalions, and regiments; the same to be armed and equipped for actual service, and to be ready to march at the shortest notice. The orders were executed at the annual training, the last Wednesday in June. A draft, however, was not made, because a sufficient number of volunteers were accepted to fill the quota. When the Marlborough Light Infantry (which was the first organized company in the twelfth regiment) was called upon for volunteers, the *whole company* responded to the call; and when Major Wiswall who then commanded the company, said that out of the whole number eight must go, the right number immediately came forward; and when they were notified that they must be ready to take the field at a moment's notice, one man, whose clothes were very clean, said he was ready, only his clothes needed mending; the man next to him, whose uniform was somewhat soiled, answered that he was ready, only he wanted a "grist in his gun." These men were never called into the field; and no one from this town entered the service until 1814, when the Governor called for troops to garrison the forts at Portsmouth. To fill this quota, a draft was made on training day about the twentieth of September; and the following persons were either drafted or hired as substitutes: —

Etheel Parmenter, Sergt.
Benjamin Fife.

Henry H. Cutler.
Nathan D. Barker.

Abner Fairbanks.

These men were all on the road towards Portsmouth early

the next morning. They were attached to Capt. Oliver Warren's company, and served three months.

A week later, when another draft was ordered, the selectmen came forward, and offered to make up their wages to fifteen dollars per month; and a sufficient number immediately volunteered for the service. Their names were:—

Moses Perkins.
Stephen White.
Ezekiel White.

Darius Williams.
Aaron Hodgkins.
Levi Gates, Jr.

These men were in Capt. Silas Call's company, and served about six weeks, when they were discharged, and returned home.

After the second quota of troops had been despatched to Portsmouth, as a very active campaign was expected the next year, Col. Prescott, probably at the request of the Governor of the State, ordered a military training in every town belonging to his regiment. He and Adjutant Luke Howe, of Jaffrey, inspected every company in these towns, to see if they were lawfully and properly equipped in order to make them efficient soldiers in case they were ordered to take the field.

Sufficient notice having been given for a lawful training, to show the interest the people in Marlborough felt in defence of their rights, a company of old men came out in very respectable numbers, and were organized. They made choice of Col. Joseph Frost for Captain, Major John Wiswall for Lieutenant, and Capt. Shubael Stone for Ensign, with Lieut. Jonathan Frost for Orderly Sergeant.

A company of Indians had also been organized under the leadership of Luke Blodgett as Chief, which was encamped in the woods between the common and the Meeting-house Pond.

After the companies had been inspected by the field officers, the troops were formed into a hollow square, and Adjutant Howe made a famous military speech which was highly appreciated by all present.

After the field officers had retired, preparations having

been previously made for a *sham fight*, the troops were disposed of in the following manner. The light infantry, commanded by Capt. Asa Frost, and the Indians, represented the British army which had concentrated on our borders and used the rifle and tomahawk upon our defenceless settlements. The Indians under Blodgett retained their position in the woods, while the light infantry posted themselves at the north-west corner of the woods, near the north-east corner of the cemetery.

The company of infantry under command of Capt. E. K. Frost, and the seniors under Col. Joseph Frost, were to represent the United States army, and were disposed of as follows: Capt. E. K. Frost with his company remained on parade, while Col. Joseph Frost with his command (in which was Deacon Tucker who was on duty with his three-cornered hat, small clothes, and the old hunting gun) was posted at the east side of the woods near the Cummings pasture.

The action was commenced by a party of Indians falling upon and scalping John Rodgers, an old Revolutionary soldier; while another party fired a few shots from behind the horse-sheds at E. K. Frost's men on parade. A sergeant's guard was ordered to dislodge the Indians, but in so doing were obliged to retreat with the loss of one man (Samuel Goodnough), who was taken prisoner, dragged off to the woods, and condemned to be burned at the stake. He was tied to a tree, and the fire was lighted; but, before they had accomplished their object, Col. Frost's men appeared, and with a very heavy discharge drove the Indians back on the light infantry, and released him from his perilous situation. At this juncture Col. Frost's men were joined by Capt. E. K. Frost's company. The light infantry coming up to the support of their Indian allies, the two companies, after a severe fight, retreated towards the church, and were pursued by the light troops and Indians for some distance, when, turning upon them again, they in turn fled, and finally took refuge in the pound which was used as a fort. This fortress was assailed from the most advantageous positions with much spirit by the two companies who kept

up their firing for some time, while those within fought bravely in its defence, showing a determination to drive their assailants from the field; but, as they manifested no disposition to raise the siege, terms were agreed upon, and the light infantry and Indians were allowed to march out with the "honors of war."

Col. Frost afterwards notified the Governor of the State that he with his company would be ready to take the field whenever in his wisdom it might be necessary to defend the State from foreign invasion.

In the year 1812, the spirit of *secession* prevailed in the northern part of the town to an alarming extent. For several years, the people residing in that part of the town, together with those in the south-western part of Packersfield and the eastern portion of Keene, had become dissatisfied with living so far from the places of public worship in their respective towns, and not only this, but they had suffered much inconvenience in residing at such a distance from the place where their public business was transacted. At that time, this district had become quite thickly populated; the dense forest had given place to well-cultivated farms, and it was thought to contain inhabitants sufficient to entitle them to the privilege of being incorporated into a town by themselves.

In 1803, those residing in Packersfield, not getting a road to the middle of the town altered to their satisfaction, united with the others, and built a meeting-house. Soon after, they petitioned to the Legislature which sent a committee to examine the district they desired to have organized into a town. This committee decided in favor of the petitioners. Keene remonstrated, and the matter was delayed for some time. Petitions were, however, presented from time to time to the several towns, asking leave to be set off as a separate town but were refused.

In 1812, the subject was again agitated to such an extent that near the close of that year a new town was incorporated by the name of Roxbury. By this act, two ranges

of lots, including those *wedge-shaped*, were severed from Marlborough.

The spirit of discontent which had been so long moving among the people of Marlborough did not end with the incorporation of Roxbury. The inhabitants of the south part of the town and the northern portion of Fitzwilliam had long been agitating the subject of a new town in conjunction with a part of Swanzey and Richmond. The reasons urged why this separation should take place, were "that the surface of this territory was so uneven and hilly, and the hills extended in such directions as to render it inconvenient for the inhabitants of some parts of it to reach the centre of their respective towns." That part which now constitutes the pleasant village of Troy, had become thickly settled, and was fast becoming a place of extensive business; and, being built up on the borders of two towns, it was "under a divided jurisdiction." This being the case, they must have felt that their interests to a certain extent were divided: this feeling could have been neither pleasant nor conducive to the prosperity of the place.

The first intimation we have that the inhabitants of this territory desired a new town was in 1781. In the warrant posted for a town meeting, February 6, 1781, the following article appeared:—

"to See if the town will vote off pat of the South End of marlboro. that is Required to Be voted off By part of the inhabitants of marlboro, and part of Fitzwilliam, and part of Swanzey, and part of Richmond, in order to make a town." The only response to this article was a vote to pass it over. The matter now lay dormant for ten years, when it was again taken up, but with no better success than before. Again and again was the subject brought up, but in vain; for, although Swanzey and Richmond were willing to contribute their share of the territory for a new town, Fitzwilliam and Marlborough were inexorable. In the summer of 1812, seeing that the north end of the town was likely to meet with success in their efforts to form a new town, the subject was again revived, citizens' meetings were held, and

arrangements made for building a meeting-house. During the following year, this was completed, and a charter petitioned for; but this was not so easily obtained. Marlborough and Fitzwilliam placed every obstacle in the way, and for a long time the battle raged; but at last it resulted in a verdict for the petitioners, and a new town by the name of Troy was incorporated, June 23, 1815. By this act, Marlborough lost not only a large piece of her territory, but some of her most enterprising men,—a loss that was deeply felt for many years.

CHAPTER V.

THE CENTRE MEETING-HOUSE.

CHARTER STIPULATIONS CONCERNING A MEETING-HOUSE. — VOTED TO BUILD A MEETING-HOUSE. — OPPOSITION. — LETTERS FROM BENJAMIN TUCKER TO GEORGE JAFFREY. — BUILDING RAISED. — MEASURES TAKEN TO FINISH THE HOUSE. — DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERIOR. — PHINEHAS FARRAR'S ACCOUNT. — WARMING THE HOUSE. — MEMBERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS EXCUSED FROM PAYING THE MINISTERIAL TAX. — USE OF MEETING-HOUSE DIVIDED AMONG THE SEVERAL DENOMINATIONS. — REPAIRING MEETING-HOUSE. — THE BELL. — THE HOUSE FORSAKEN. — IT BECOMES AN OBJECT OF CONTENTION. — SOLD AT AUCTION. — THE PURCHASER MEETS WITH DIFFICULTIES. — THE TOWN AGAIN BECOMES THE OWNER. — THE HOUSE LEGALLY DISPOSED OF. — ITS DESTRUCTION.

ONE condition of the charter granted by the Masonian Proprietors required the grantees to build a convenient meeting-house in the township within ten years from its date, provided they were not prevented by Indian wars.

At a meeting of the Proprietors held at the house of Isaac McAllister, November 13, 1776, the following article was acted upon: "to see if the Prop^{ts} will Choose a Comm^{tee} to Lay out a Spot to set a Meeting House on, Cut Down and kill y^e growth on Two acres thereof." This was passed in the negative. The subject of building was called up at subsequent meetings; but no movement was made towards accomplishing the object until January 3, 1770, at which time a Proprietors' meeting was held at the house of Benjamin Tucker, when it was voted to build a meeting-house forty-five feet long and thirty-eight feet wide. Benjamin

Tucker, Daniel Goodenough, Joseph Collins, Jonah Harrington, Moses Godard, James Brewer, and Isaac McAllister were chosen a building committee. Voted "to raise ten Dollars on each Prop^{ts} Right for to Build a meeting House." "Voted that the committee that are appointed to build the meeting House, are im powered to notify the Lord Prop^{ts} and Request their Voice where it shall be set."

A subscription paper was circulated for the purpose of raising funds to aid in building the house. How large an amount was raised we have not learned, but a majority of the settlers in the township contributed something, as will be seen by the following list of subscribers:—

Joseph Collins.	Richard Tozer.
Benjamin Tucker.	Moses Godard.
Joshua Tucker.	John Felton.
Abijah Tucker.	Jedediah Maynard.
Caleb Tucker.	Stephen Church.

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The following is a copy of the request sent to the Lord Proprietors, relative to locating the meeting-house:—

Mr. GEORGE JAFFREY,

We the Subscribers being chosen a Committee by the Grantees of Monadnock No. 5 to build a Meeting house for public worship, and likewise to acquaint the Grantors of said Township, of the Proceedings in that affair, and request their voice in it agreeable to the Charter of the Grantors. We have, therefore, according to our judgment, chosen the best spot to set a Meeting house on nighest the Centre of said Town, both in respect of the Grantors and the Grantees, and request the Grantors to come and give their consent to it if they think proper, or signify their minds to us any way as they shall think proper, We being informed that Mr. Jaffrey was Clerk for the grantees of said Township, we have prepared to send the above request to him, and hope his favor in laying the request before the grantors and his doing the same and acquainting us of their minds, will greatly oblige the Grantees and us;

Y^r Humble Serv^{ts}.

Monadnock, No. 5, Jan. y^e 11, 1770.

BENJA. TUCKER.
DANIEL GOODENOUGH.
JOSEPH COLLINS.
ISAAC McALLISTER.
MOSES GODDARD.
JAMES BREWER.
JONAH HARRINGTON.

We do not learn that any difficulty was experienced in regard to locating the house, but it seems that some dissatisfaction was felt on the part of many of the proprietors relative to its size.

Another meeting was called, and held at the house of Jonah Harrington on the eighteenth day of the following April. At this meeting, it was voted "to Reconsider what was don consarning a meeting House in the last meeting at the house of B. Tucker." The committee chosen to build the house was dismissed. It was then voted to build a house thirty feet square, without the help of any subscription; and a new committee was chosen to carry this vote into effect. But this decision like those of the former meeting, were destined never to be carried out; for another meeting was held at the house of Benjamin Tucker on the twenty-third day of May, when the committee first chosen were reinstated.

What instructions were given to this committee in regard to the size of the house does not appear; but certain it is that the building was much larger than had been voted at either of the previous meetings, it being fifty feet long and forty feet wide.

The two following letters, written by Benjamin Tucker to George Jaffrey, will explain the state of affairs in the township at this time:—

PORTSMOUTH, April, ye 27th, 1770.

ESQ'R JAFFREY, Sir,

These with my due regards to you, hoping they may meet you in good health, and Sir, I would inform you that I made a journey to Ports^h on purpose to see yourself with some others of the gentlemen Grantors of our Township, Monadnock No. 5, but my fortune happens to be here when Esq'r. Jaffrey is not at home, which I am exceeding sorry for. I much wanted to see the Esq'r. and to advise with him concerning the affairs of our town, for I received a letter from the Esq'r. last winter, wherein he desired me to return him an answer concerning the settlement of our township, which answer I had wrote sometime ago, but having no opportunity to send it, I made this journey to bring it, with a letter from a committee chosen to build our meeting house, desiring the gentlemen Grantors of our town, to give their advice where our meeting house shall stand, which they have a right by charter to do. And, Sir, you will see in my answer to your letter, that we had

agreed to build a meeting house, and how large, and when to be ready to raise, but I must now let you know, that that part of my answer is uncertain, for there is a number that has arose up and called another meeting the 18 of this month, and reconsidered what was done at our meeting, y^e 3 of Jan. last. after they were recorded on book, and say they will not have this meeting house so large, but will have one 30 feet square, and they dismissed the committee that was appointed to build the meeting house, that I give you an account of in my answer to yourself, and have not got any committee to build the 30 foot meeting house, and we are now in a bad situation concerning our meeting house, for the workman that we agreed with to build the house 40 feet wide, and 50 long, has cut the chief of the great timber, and hewn the long sticks, and they are drawn together where we expect the house will stand, and ye committee has entered into bonds to see ye workman paid by the first of September next, and have taken bond of him wherein he is obliged to have the house ready to raise by that time, and the committee were obliged to draw all the timber to the spot, and to find all the work at ye spot, but since they are dismissed by the last meeting from that office, they think and say they have no further concern with it, which if that meeting stands good; it must be so, and when ye workman has hewn all the timber, he must stop his hand, for he will find no man to draw it together for him, and there is nobody any power to agree with him to stop, and not to proceed any further in this affair as things now stand, and I would let the Esq'r. know that it was by reason of 3 or 4 persons giving power to Capt. Jesse Rice, and Mr. Daniel Harrington, both of Marlborough, to act for them, was the means of bringing us into this bad situation, and they are those persons that are the most behind as to settling; viz; the Right of Henry Neel & Robert Allen & Thomas Morrison, with ye three duty free rights which belong to old Madam Blanchard, & others of that family, which you will see in my answer to your letter, hold; I have returned them, and in whose hands they are now. In the Right of James Morrison, which is now in the hands of the Widow Dexter, you will see in my answer to you that I wrote in her favor, but inasmuch as she has empowered those men to act in her behalf, to the damage of our town, I have no more to say in her behalf, and, Sir, if you would be so kind as to get the gentleman Grantors together as soon as may be, and lay our case before them, and see if they will take so much notice of us, as to give us their advice in all affairs concerning our town, and whether that meeting be good wherein they disannulled what was done before, and put on record, also to see what method they will come into, in order to join with us on a spot to set our meeting house, if we ever agree to build one, for we want to clear up ye spot to set it. No more at present, so I remain your humble servant at command,

BENJA. TUCKER.

P.S. Sir, I have left some papers in ye hand of Cato Atkinson for yourself, and Sir, Mr. Morse of Dublin gives his services to yourself, & desires me to inform you that he received your letter last Friday, wherein you desired him to return to you a true account of their settlement, which he would do as soon as possibly he could. And, Sir, in my answer to your letter, I did not set forth to you the number of acres that each man had got cleared, but there is not above 2 or 3 but what has got more land than the Charter required."

MONADNOCK, No. 5, May ye 29th 1770.

ESQR. JAFFREY, Sir,

I wrote to you in a letter when I was at Portsmouth, that we met with some difficulty about our meeting house, and that the Committee that was appointed to build it was dismissed, and there was none to carry on the work, but we have had a meeting since and have made choice of the old Committee again, and the House is like to go on as it was first proposed to be, and if the gentlemen Grantors would take so much notice of our letter, as to appoint some man or men as they shall think proper, to come and see the spot that we have chosen to set the Meeting house on, and give their consent, if they think proper, for we want to clear it up as soon as may be, for we cant draw the timber to the spot, till the land is cleared up, and, Sir, what I wrote to you concerning the Rights that were not settled according to Charter, still remain so, as far as I know excepting the Right of Halbert Morrison. There is a man daily at work and has got his family to Swanzey near by his work, and designs to bring them in to town as soon as he can get a house up to put them in; and, Sir, you wrote to me in your letter, that I should be paid for my trouble, but as for that, I leave with you to do as you think proper, I was exceeding sorry that Esqr. Jaffrey was not at home, for I wanted much to see him, but was disappointed. No more at present, so I remain your humble servant at command.

BENJA. TUCKER.

The framing of the house was let to Stephen Church, and the frame was raised sometime previous to November 21, at which time a meeting was held at the house of Benjamin Tucker, when it was voted to accept of "accompts bront for sarvis don about the meeting house." Voted "to give Benjamin Tucker 3s. 2d. 2q. pur gallon for 8 gallons of Rum at ye raising of ye meeting house." We are not to suppose from this item that the early settlers of our town were more temperate than those of the neighboring towns; for it is a well-known fact that it was custumary on all occasions like

this to procure at least one barrel of *rum*. Tradition tells us that the customary *barrel* was provided on this occasion; but the demand for the indispensable article was so great that this quantity was not sufficient, and Benjamin Tucker being chairman of the building committee, procured the additional eight gallons, for which he brought in a separate account.

When we take into consideration the fact that at the same meeting it was voted to allow Benjamin Tucker's account in full, and that at a vendue, sometime afterwards, when a number of articles belonging to the proprietors were offered for sale, a barrel was sold to Moses Tucker for 2*s.* 8*d.*, we may safely conclude that the first meeting-house was raised with *appropriate ceremonies*, according to the custom that prevailed in our New England towns at that day.

It would seem that, in taking the job of framing and raising the house, Mr. Church did not correctly estimate the cost, as the following vote was passed at the same meeting: "Voted to give Stephen Church £5 12*s.* 1*d.* to make up what he Saith he Loast by building the meeting house." Subsequently, we find that Stephen Church received for work done on the meeting-house £44 6*s.* 4*d.* 2*q.* At the same meeting, it was "Voted to Raise five dolers on itch prop^{ts} Rite to cover the meeting house with," "Voted to dismiss y^e Comitty that was appointed to Buld the meeting house," "Voted to Choues 3 men for a commity to take care and cover y^e meeting house, and made choice of Benja Tucker, Isaac McAlister & John Felton for that purpos."

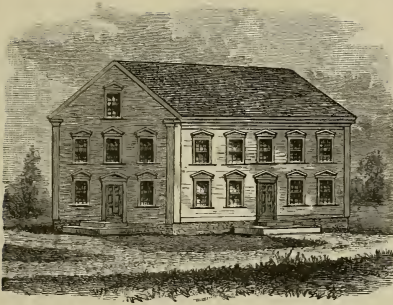
During the next fifteen years, the subject of finishing the house was discussed in the meetings of the proprietors; but little was done beyond finishing the outside, and even this was not completed until 1779. At a meeting in January of that year, it was "Voted to finish Cleapboarding the meeting house and colour it, to hang the Doors to Lay the Lower floor and build the body seats and Git one Box of Glass to Glaize it in part."

In 1785 the proprietors gave up all claim to the meeting-house, and it passed into the hands of the town, and was

finished during the next five years. To meet the expense, pew grounds were sold at public auction at different times.

This barn-like structure was located on the north-west corner of the common, and was as near the geographical centre of the town as it could be conveniently. It had entrances on the south, east, and west sides. The pulpit was on the north side, over which was suspended a huge sounding-board. There was a row of pews round the house next to the walls, and an aisle ran round just inside of this row. There was also a middle aisle which led from the south door to the pulpit, which was called the "broad aisle," and had two rows of "body pews" on each side. The Deacons' seat was a narrow pew in front of the pulpit, facing the congregation. The communion table was attached to the Deacons' seat like a common table-leaf, and was let down when not in use. The gallery extended on three sides of the house, and had, as below, a row of pews next to the wall, and three rows of seats in front. The seats in the west gallery were designed for old men, and those in the east for old ladies; the singers occupying the front seats in the south gallery.

In 1785 twenty-one pew-grounds were sold at vendue by Oliver Wright, Abijah Tucker, and Daniel Cutting, who were a committee chosen by the town, for the purpose of finishing the meeting-house. The terms of the sale were as follows: "Each Pue struck off, the highest Bider Shall pay one Dollar Down, three Dollars in four weeks from the sail, the remainder in six months." These brought sums varying from £3 to £1 16s. The pews were made with panel-work, surmounted by a light balustrade of minute ornamented columns: they were nearly square, and had a row of un-cushioned seats round the interior except at the door. These board-seats were hung on hinges, so as to turn up against the side of the pew for convenience in standing during prayer-time; and, as the congregation resumed their seats, these were let down with a zeal that betokened some interest, at least in this part of the ceremony. We know of no language better adapted to describe this scene than the



FIRST MEETING-HOUSE IN MARLBOROUGH.

Drawn from memory by Rev. P. WALLINGFORD.

following selection from the poem read by Samuel Burnham, at the Centennial Celebration of the town of Rindge.

And when, at last, the loud Amen
 Fell from aloft, how quickly then
 The seats came down with heavy rattle,
 Like musketry in fiercest battle!

At a meeting in October, 1789, Capt. Phineas Farrar presented the following account which was allowed by the town:—

the Town of Marlboro, Dr. Phineas Farrar
 for Servis as Committee Finishing the Meeting hous in y^e 1789.

	£	s.	d.
to half a Day Settling with the old Committee,	0	1	6
to two journays to John Parkhurst after Nails,	0	3	0
once to Joseph Cuttings after Corn for Mr. Cummings,	0	1	6
once to Calvins Stones after Nails,	0	1	0
to five time attending vandue to Sel the Pues,	0	5	0
and once to Keene after Iron,	0	1	0
to Part of a Day after Boards,	0	1	0
to Cuting and Drawing stage Poles,	0	5	0
to one Day underpining the Meeting house,	0	3	0
to Carting one Lode of Boards from Tuckers mill,	0	3	0
to Carting one Load of Plunk,	0	2	6
to eight and a half wate of honey,	0	5	8
to one journey to Fitzwilliam after Nails,	0	2	0
to time spent after stuf,	0	1	0
to two journey to Warrins after Nails,	0	3	6
once to warrins after Rumb for the Carpenters,	0	1	6
to me and horse one Day after Calves pates,	0	4	6
to making the same,	0	3	0
to one journey to Rindge to settle with the Carpenters,	0	6	0
to three half Days settling with people,	0	4	6
Once to Kcene after Ballisters,	0	1	6
to time spent at sundry times,	0	12	0
to Cash Paid for Calves Pates for sising,	0	2	0
to Cash Paid for Rum 7 Quarts and a pint,	0	5	7
to Cash Paid for glew,	0	1	4
to one hundred of Boards,	0	2	0
to my Cart to Dublin after a Barril of Rumb,	0	1	0
to one Day and a half settling accounts,	0	3	6
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PHINEAS FARRER.

Marlboro the 12 October 1789.

The meeting-house was warmed chiefly by the sun, for stoves and furnaces were unknown in those days. A poor substitute, however, was resorted to from necessity; namely, the *foot-stove* which the matron of each family was careful in the coldest weather to have well prepared with living coals from the hearth-stone. Aside from these, the worshippers were entirely dependent for their comfort upon the ardor of the minister's exhortations and the fervor of their own religious emotions.

Here our ancestors worshipped God: many of them coming the distance of four or five miles, and sitting on a cold winter's day while the Rev. Halloway Fish, with the collar of his great coat turned up about his ears, and striped mittens on his hands, put forth his doctrinal views in sermons of not less than one hour in length. The morning service being over, during the intermission the women retired to the nearest house for a fresh supply of coals for their foot-stoves, the men repaired to the tavern, to warm themselves, and regale the inner man with a mug of warm *toddy*, while they discussed the principal events of the week, or expressed their views on the subject of the morning's discourse.

For the annual meeting of 1823, an article was placed in the warrant as follows: "To see if the town will vote or consent that a stove, or stoves, may be Placed in the Meeting house in Marlborough to render said house comfortable during public worship on the Sabbath and on other occasions in cold weather, which shall be furnished and supported by Subscribers." Notwithstanding some men of influence were opposed to the measure, the town voted: "that the Stove or Stoves may be Placed in the Meeting house to render said House comfortable in cold weather to be placed in said house by Subscribers." "Voted, the Stove or Stoves to be placed in the Meeting house may be Placed at the east and west Doors during the pleasure of the town." Sometime previous to the next annual town-meeting, the stoves were procured and placed in the house in accordance with the vote of the town. A brief

experience in a warm church changed public opinion, and only a short time elapsed before those who had been most opposed to stoves seemed to rejoice equally with the rest in their warmth and comfort.

Previous to 1825, money was raised for the support of preaching by a tax assessed on all ratable polls in the same manner as for schools, or any other public purpose. Near the close of the last century, however, laws were enacted by which any person entertaining different religious opinions, and joining himself to some other society, and contributing to the support of its minister, was excused by the town from paying this tax, on the presentation of a certificate signed by the minister or clerk of his society. The following is a specimen of these certificates:—

DUBLIN April y^e 8th 1794.

These may certify whom it may concern, that William White Jr. has joined the Baptist Society in this place and has agreed to do his proportion toward the support of the ministry with them.

JOHN MUZZEY Clerk.

It not unfrequently happened that some persons not willing to identify themselves with any society in their own town would go the distance of thirty or forty miles to connect themselves with some other church or society. It would seem by the following certificate that Richard Roberts was one of these:—

CLAREMOUNT, April, 4, 1797.

To all whom it may concern. This may certify that Richard Roberts Esqr has joined the Episcopal Church and put himself under my care.

Test. DANIEL BARBER,

Rector of Union Church Claremount.

These certificates were not numerous at first, only five or six a year; but in 1824, the last year the town was taxed for this purpose, out of one hundred and sixty-six tax-payers there were only fifty-one assessed for the minister's salary. Most of the persons presenting certificates were Baptists who had connected themselves with the society in Dublin. In later years, a Baptist church was formed in town, some account of which will be given in another chapter.

July 1, 1819, a law was enacted in this State, which opened the way for a more satisfactory method of supporting the gospel. In the language of this statute, "Each sect or denomination of Christians in this State, may associate and form societies, may admit members, may establish rules and by-laws for their regulation and government, and shall have all the corporate powers which may be necessary to assess and raise money by taxes upon the polls and ratable estate of the members of such associations, and to collect and appropriate the same for the purpose of building and repairing houses of public worship and for the support of the ministry." There was also a provision that no person should be taxed by such society, or be considered a member thereof without "his consent was first had and obtained"; and any person having become a member of such an association had liberty to withdraw his name at any time. No advantage was taken of the provisions of this act until near the close of Mr. Fish's ministry.

In 1823, the town voted that the selectmen be a committee to proportion the time of occupation of the meeting-house to each religious denomination. This the selectmen were instructed to do each year, also to divide the interest of the ministerial fund among the several denominations, "according to the proportion each pays of the public taxes." How long each society was allowed to occupy the meeting-house at this time is not known, but in 1835 it was proportioned as follows:—

Unitarians,	1 $\frac{2}{3}$ days.
Baptist,	6 $\frac{2}{3}$ "
Methodist,	10 $\frac{1}{3}$ "
Congregationalist,	13 "
Universalist,	20 $\frac{1}{3}$ "

It is probable that the Congregationalists did not occupy the house their proportion of the time, as they had the year previous built one of their own at the village.

The old meeting-house now began to show marks of decay, the exterior being in a somewhat dilapidated condition. The town had been repeatedly asked to repair the house,

and the subject had been discussed at the annual meeting each year, with the same result,—a refusal to take any definite action.

In 1834, the town was again requested to repair the house, but the only action taken was a vote to dismiss the article. But the citizens were now thoroughly alive to the subject; and with such men as Samuel Jones, Sen., Abiel Alger, and Benjamin Whitney, Jr., for their leaders, they were not disposed to give up the project so easily, and it was determined, if possible, to procure by subscription a sum sufficient to repair the house in a suitable manner. The following is a copy of the subscription paper circulated throughout the town for that purpose, together with the names of the subscribers, and the amount each one contributed:—

We the undersigned, inhabitants of the town of Marlborough, do hereby severally agree to pay the sums set against our names, to be appropriated for repairing the old meeting-house in said town, Provided that a sum shall be subscribed or contributed sufficient to make the necessary repairs on said house, otherwise this to be void.

Marlborough, March 24, 1834.

Names.		Names.	
Eber Tenney,	\$17.50	Ziba Nason,	\$5.00
Asa Porter,	17.00	Ziba Nason, Jr.,	2.00
Noah White,	1.00	David Wilkinson,	6.00
William Tenney,	25.00	Daniel Buss,	1.00
John Lane,	17.00	Thomas Frink,	3.00
Clark Mason,	6.75	Benjamin Whitney, Jr.,	19.50
Abel Nutting,	5.00	Calvin Hastings,	5.00
Luther Hemenway,	6.12½	Tabatha Baker,	3.00
George Richardson,	2.50	Aaron Parker,	5.00
Asa Hastings,	2.25	Asa Porter, Jr.,	5.00
Levi Gates,	6.12½	George Harvey,	8.50
Abiel Alger,	7.00	Asa Bemis,	3.00
Levi W. Porter,	7.00	John B. Farrar,	2.00
Caleb Baker,	3.00	Jeremiah Herrick,	2.00
Allen Woodward,	5.00	Ebenezer Herrick,	1.00
Moses Hunt,	10.00	Artemas Collins,	2.00
Isaac T. Chase,	1.00	Charles Collister,	1.00
Aaron Stone,	5.00	Thomas Adams,	12.00
Charles Gilbert,	5.12½	William Richardson,	1.00
Levi Thatcher,	1.00	James Harvey,	1.00

Names.		Names.	
Jonathan Bemis, Jr., . . .	\$2.00	Daniel Emerson,	\$1.00
Daniel Reed,	3.00	Curtis F. Hunt,	1.00
Jabez Wight,	1.00	Oliver Boyden,	3.50
Franklin Priest, . . . . .	.25	Daniel Woodward,	1.00
Peter Starkey,	1.00	Joseph Collins,	1.00
Thaddeus Parmenter, . . .	5.00	Amos Sargent,	5.00
Joseph Woodward,	15.00	Abner Russell,	1.00
Enoch Bemis,	3.00	William Greenwood, . . .	2.00
Calvin Newton,	15.25	John Sargent,	1.00
Miriam Newton,	2.00	Elijah Fitch,	1.00
Nancy Newton,	2.00	Lorenzo Hunt,	1.00
Jonathan Bemis,	7.00	Daniel Clapp,	1.00
Nathan E. Wild,	5.00	Osgood Collister,	1.00
James Batcheller,	15.00	Lorenzo White,	1.00
Luke Blodgett,	5.50	Franklin Clapp,	1.00
Ezekiel Cudworth,	5.00	Daniel Wade,	1.00
Archa Tenney,	6.00	Darius Richardson,	1.00
Samuel Jones,	30.00	Jedediah T. Collins, . . .	1.00
Calvin Stone,	5.00	G. and N. Converse, . . .	.25
Calvin Tenney,	20.00	Cyrus Ayers, . . . . .	.25
Stillman Woodward,	6.00	Jonah Davis, . . . . .	.12½
Daniel Cutting,	1.00	Abraham Priest,	1.00
Charles Holman, Jr., . . .	1.07	Abner Boyden,	1.50
Albert Jones,	1.00		

After the circulation of this paper, the subscribers met on the twelfth day of May, 1834, and organized by choosing Levi Gates, chairman, and Nathan Wild, clerk. Allen Woodward, Calvin Tenney, Samuel Jones, Benjamin Whitney, Jr., and Abiel Alger, were chosen a committee to examine the house, and report what repairs were necessary to be made.

The committee made examination, and reported as follows:—

1st. To underpin said house with split stone, eighteen inches wide, suitably fitted.

2d. Two thresholds, one in the front, and the other at the west door, with suitable doorstones.

3d. One new door in front, 3½ or 4 ft. wide, and new doors at the west, the size of the old ones and close the east door.

4th. To have all new window-frames, and sashes where it is necessary.

5th. All new clapboards on the front, and to repair the other side and ends with those now on the front, and suitably paint the same.

This report having been accepted by the subscribers, Samuel Jones, Abiel Alger, and Allen Woodward, were chosen a committee to make the necessary repairs, the estimated cost of which was two hundred and fifteen dollars. There having been considerable more than this sum raised, the subscribers voted, at an adjourned meeting, to build a belfry on the west end of the house, according to a plan to be drawn by Capt. Charles Gilbert. The work of repairing went forward as rapidly as circumstances would permit, and by the middle of November the work was completed.

The belfry was two stories in height: the first story was about ten feet square, and rose twelve feet above the ridge-pole; the second story was proportionate in size and height, and the appearance of the house was greatly improved.

No sooner was the work of repairing completed than those who were the prime movers in this good work began to agitate the subject of procuring a bell for the house. Satisfied that the town would not aid in this project, it was decided to pay for the bell in the same way the repairs were made; namely, by subscription. Accordingly, the following paper was drawn up and circulated through the town, and a sufficient sum raised to purchase a bell:—

The undersigned do hereby severally agree to pay the sums against their names to purchase a Bell for the old Meeting house in Marlborough, said Bell to be divided into one hundred and ninety shares, estimated at one dollar each, and be the property of the subscribers.

Dec. 9, 1834.

Eber Tenney,	\$5.00	Ezekiel Cudworth,	\$1.00
Asa Porter,	5.00	Samuel Jones,	10.00
William Tenney,	5.00	Moses Hunt,	1.00
John Lane,	3.00	Isaac T. Chase,	1.00
Clark Mason,	4.00	Charles Gilbert,	2.00
Luther Hemenway,	3.00	Ziba Nason, Jr.,	1.00
George Richardson,	1.00	David Wilkinson,	1.00
Calvin Newton,	10.00	Daniel Buss,	1.00
Miriam Newton,	1.00	Benjamin Whitney, Jr.,	5.00
Nancy Newton, . . . . .	.50	Aaron Parker,	1.00
Jonathan Bemis,	4.00	Asa Porter, Jr.,	2.00
James Batcheller,	10.00	George Harvey,	5.00
Luke Blodgett,	2.00	John B. Farrar,	1.00

Artemas Collins,	\$1.00	John Sargent,	\$1.00
Charles Collister,	1.00	Daniel Clapp,	1.00
Thomas Adams,	2.00	Daniel Wade,	2.00
Calvin Tenney,	5.00	Jonathan Bemis, Jr.,	2.00
Emery Dickinson,	1.00	G. and N. Converse,	2.00
George W. Howard,	1.00	Cyrus Ayers,	1.00
Benjamin Thatcher,	1.00	Jonah Davis,	1.00
Elijah Gates,	3.00	Josiah Knight,	1.00
Abraham Priest,	1.00	Josiah Fitch,	1.00
Asa Hastings,	1.00	Ebenezer Hemenway,	1.00
Levi Gates,	1.00	John Morse,	1.00
Abiel Alger,	5.00	Stephen Wheeler,	10.00
Levi W. Porter,	2.00	Daniel W. Farrar,	5.00
Caleb Baker,	1.00	Joseph Haskell,	10.00
Joseph Woodward,	4.00	Daniel Priest,	2.25
Enoch Bemis,	2.00	Reuben Ward,	1.00
Stillman Woodward,	1.00	Jacob Brown, . . . .	.50
Curtis F. Hunt, . . . .	.25	Ruth Stone,	1.00
Oliver Boyden,	1.00	Nathaniel Richardson,	1.00
Joseph Collins,	1.00	Lucy Collins, . . . .	.50
Amos Sargent,	1.00	Amos Cummings,	1.00
William Greenwood,	3.00		

The bell, which weighed about seven hundred pounds, was purchased by Samuel Jones at an expense of \$175.25. The ancient custom of ringing the bell at noon was followed for several years, the town employing Nathan Wild who lived near the meeting-house, "to ring the bell at noon and on funeral occasions."

The meeting-house was now used by the Methodist, Baptist, and Universalist denominations. In 1842, the Methodist Society, having built a house of worship in Pottersville, removed to that place. They were soon followed by the Baptists, who built a church in the village. The house was now mainly occupied by the Universalists, who had preaching about one-fourth of the time; but they, feeling that their place of worship was too far from the now rapidly growing village, built a house in the latter place in 1851.

The old house, now unused except for town-meetings and funeral occasions, began to show signs of decay; and a severe hail-storm, which swept over the town, broke nearly all the

glass in the west end, and mischievous boys, by throwing stones at the windows, completed the wreck commenced by the storm, so that in a short time there was not a whole pane of glass remaining.

The town now became anxious to sell the house, but a difficulty here presented itself. It was maintained by some that the town had no legal right to the building, but that it was the property of the pew-holders. The subject was warmly discussed at town-meetings; but those living in its immediate vicinity and at the south part of the town were so opposed to selling the house, no move was made in that direction. There were some wise heads who argued that the town should purchase of the pew-holders all the right they had in it, and then repair it, or take it down and remove it to the village, and fit it up for a town-house; but this proposition did not meet with a favorable reception, and thus the matter remained for several years, the old house becoming an object of contention between the north and south parts of the town, while at the same time it was rapidly going to destruction, and becoming of less value each year.

April 7, 1849, at a meeting called for that purpose, the town voted "to sell at Public Auction all the right, title, and interest that they have in the centre Meeting-house in said town." Nelson Converse, Charles Gilbert, and Asa Greenwood, were chosen a committee to carry this vote into effect. The house was accordingly set up at auction August 18, and was bid off by Asa Greenwood for the sum of \$100.50.

When the sale took place, nothing was said about the bell which was clearly the property of the subscribers. Mr. Greenwood supposed that, when he bought the house, he had purchased all connected with it; but Samuel Jones, Sen., who was one of the largest owners, disputed his right to the bell, and, Mr. Greenwood refusing to give it up, the matter was carried into court, where the case was decided in favor of Mr. Jones. While the suit was pending, Mr. Greenwood sold the bell which was carried to a foundry in Massachu-

setts, to be recast. Mr. Greenwood, fearful he should meet with the same opposition, if he attempted to remove the house, that he did in removing the bell, now wished to have the town take it off his hands.

At the annual meeting in 1852, the town voted "to pay Asa Greenwood what he had paid for the old Meeting-house with interest, by his redeeding it to the town."

The people of Marlborough now found themselves no better off than they were before; having in their possession an old dilapidated building, with no prospect of getting rid of it. The people, tired of the controversy, were now willing to let the matter rest, as indeed it did for many years.

We remember of having heard one man remark at that time, "it was the Lord's house, and that he was willing that the Lord should dispose of it in the way he thought best." This feeling seemed to prevail throughout the town; but, as the Lord did not see fit to dispose of it without human agency, the subject was again brought up at the annual meeting in March, 1856. At this time, Benjamin Whitney, Thomas White, Jr., and Charles Gilbert, were chosen a committee to investigate and report at the "fall meeting the best method for the town to adopt, to dispose of their interest in the Centre Meeting-house." This committee reported that they were unanimous in the opinion that the house might be legally sold. This report served to revive the old controversy, but nothing was done in relation to the matter, farther than choosing committees from time to time to dispose of the property legally.

Marlborough was not the only town in New Hampshire which found it impossible to dispose of their meeting-house in a legal manner under the existing laws. There were many such scattered throughout the older portions of the State; and, in view of this fact, the Legislature of 1858 fortunately came to their aid, and passed an act, the first section of which reads as follows:—

If any meeting-house has ceased to be occupied by the proprietors thereof as a place of public worship for the space of two years, said proprietors, at a meeting called for that purpose, may by major vote

decide to sell the same at auction, and appoint a committee with full power to make such sale and execute a conveyance of said house and its appurtenances to the purchaser, said committee first publishing notice of the time and place of sale. .

At the annual meeting in 1860, the selectmen were instructed to sell the house, and make a conveyance of the same according to law. On the fifth day of the following May, it was again set up at auction, and bid off by James Townsend for fifty dollars. The door-stones were bid off by Rev. T. L. Fowler, and were soon after placed before the doors of the Methodist meeting-house, where they still remain.

Mr. Townsend removed the pews and the best of the finish inside, which he used for building and other purposes; but the house was allowed to stand until the summer of 1865, when in the stillness of the midnight hour, no longer able to withstand the ravages of time, it fell to the ground. Mr. George Thatcher purchased the timbers. The best part being old pine, he manufactured it into pails; and nearly every family in town purchased one or more of these pails as a memento of the old *Centre Meeting-house*.

CHAPTER VI.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

EARLY EFFORTS TO SECURE PREACHING.—CHURCH FORMED.—SETTLEMENT OF REV. JOSEPH CUMMINGS.—DIFFICULTIES WITH MR. CUMMINGS.—HIS DISMISSAL.—PROTRACTED CONTROVERSY WITH MR. CUMMINGS.—HALF-WAY COVENANT.—DIFFERENT MINISTERS EMPLOYED.—REV. EBENEZER HILL.—HALLOWAY FISH CALLED.—HIS LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE.—ORDINATION OF MR. FISH.—HIS CHARACTER.—HIS DEATH.—UNION BETWEEN CHURCH AND TOWN DISSOLVED.—A SOCIETY FORMED.—REV. SALMON BENNETT.—A NEW SOCIETY.—BUILDING OF THE BRICK CHURCH.—REV. MOSES G. GROSVENOR.—REV. GILES LYMAN.—MEETING-HOUSE ENLARGED.—A PARSONAGE BUILT.—RESIGNATION OF MR. LYMAN.—REV. HENRY B. UNDERWOOD.—REV. SILAS P. COOK.—REV. JOHN L. MERRILL.—MEETING-HOUSE REPAIRED AND ENLARGED.—A NEW ORGAN.—THE CHAPEL.—THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

THE Proprietors' charter reserved one right of land for the ministry, and another for the first settled minister; but these could not be made available until a minister was settled.

The early settlers having come from towns in which the institutions of Christianity were maintained, must have felt severely the deprivations to which they were subjected, in having no public worship on the Sabbath. Especially was this the case with those who were members of the Christian church. Accordingly, as soon as they had reared a comfortable shelter for their families, and brought their fields into such a state of cultivation as to supply their daily food, they commenced to make preparations for uniting in the public worship of God.

No record exists to show that there was any preaching in the township previous to 1771. At a meeting the 21st of

March in that year, the Proprietors voted "to Lay a tax of one farthing on the acre for to hire preaching with."

"Voted that Mr. Benjamin Tucker, Mr. Daniel Goodenow & Mr. James Brewer, be a Committee to hire a preacher & voted that the preaching begin about the first of June next."

The sum raised amounted to £16 8s. 6*d.*, or about \$54.75. Whether the whole of this sum was expended for preaching this year is unknown; but we find on the Proprietors' records that twelve pounds were paid to Mr. Abraham Wood, and also allowed "Lieut Benja Tucker for boarding Mr. Wood £2 17s. 4*d.*" Mr. Wood was a graduate from Harvard College, of the class of 1767, and was ordained the first pastor of the church in Chesterfield, December 31, 1772, where he remained till his death, October, 1823, aged seventy-five.

In 1772-73, the same sum was raised for preaching as in the preceding year; but there is nothing on the records to show who were the ministers employed, beyond the fact that during this time there were five children baptized by the Rev. Benjamin Brigham of Fitzwilliam. It is probable, however, there was some preaching during the summer months by different ministers.

In 1774, the desire to settle a minister seems to have increased; for, at a meeting the 19th of January of this year, it was voted to "Chuse a Committee to provide a minister on Probation, in order for a Settlement. Voted that Eliphalet Stone, andrew Colburn, and Phinehas Park, be a Committee for that purpose. Voted to Raise half peney on the acre for to provide preaching as afore said."

As no report of this committee has been found, we are unable to give any account of the ministers employed.

At a meeting, July 12, 1775, it was voted "to hire some preaching this summer." A committee was chosen to provide a minister. At a subsequent meeting, Capt. Jonathan Frost was allowed £1 2s. "for procuring a minister and keeping his horse." Nothing farther toward settling a minister seems to have been done by the Proprietors.

The town being incorporated the next year, it rightfully belonged to the citizens to provide preaching. They, however, did nothing about the matter until April, 1777, when a meeting was held, and it was voted "to hire preaching. Voted, to Raise twenty Pounds for that Purpose. Voted, that Capt James Lewis, Abijah Tucker and David Wheeler Be a Committee to hire Preaching. Voted, to give the committee this instruction, Not to a gree with one for more than fore Sabbaths at first, Not without he hath a mind of settling."

This committee appear to have been no more successful than the former; but the people were in earnest as to this matter, and the subject was brought up at subsequent meetings.

About this time, the Rev. Joseph Cummings, a native of Topsfield, Mass., came among them; and, after preaching several Sabbaths as a candidate, a town-meeting was called, August 6, 1778, at which it was voted "to Cum into sum method of Settling a minister in said Town."

Voted, to give Mr. Cummings a call to settle with us as a preacher.

"Voted to Chuse a Committee to propose a method of his settling with us.

"Voted, Leut Benjamin Tucker, Capt James Lewis, Leut. Eliphalet Stone, Leut James Brewer, and Mr. Samuel Soper, a committee for that purpose.

"Voted, to Except of this Committees Proposals," which were as follows:—

State of New Hampshire.

Cheshire Ss August y^e 6, 1778, att a Legal meeting of the Town of marlborough the sixth Day of August inst, made Choise of Mr. Richard Atwell moderator for s^d meeting, Voted to give the Rev, mr, Joseph Cummings of Sea Brook a Call to Settle in S^d marlborough as a gospel minister, Voted By Said town to make the Rev, m^r Cummings the following proposals for a settlement, to take one share of Land in said marlborough Containing By Estimation one hundred and fifty acres, one hundred acre Lots the Lot on which the meeting house stands on Which we Desire to Reserve four acres Round the meeting house For publick use, Voted to Clear Eighteen acres on said Lot Leaving ten trees on

Each acre in addition to what is already Cleared on Said Lot in two years, From ordination one half yearly, Voted that the Rev^d m^r Cummings Shall have Liberty to go onto the ministry Land in said town Cut any quantity of timber of any sort that shall Be Nesesary for his own Buildings. For his salery to have For the first year Forty pounds, for the Second year Forty five pounds, for the third year fifty pounds and to Continue Fifty pounds yearly, until there Becomes one hundred and ten families in said Town then to have Sixty Six pounds thirteen shillings and fore pence yearly so Long as he shall Remain our gospel minister all the above sums to be made equevelent to Ry at three Shillings and fore pence p^r Bushel.

LIEUT BENJA TUCKER	}	Committee in Behalf of marlborough
LIEUT JOSEPH COLLINGS		
M ^R DANIEL GOODENOW		
M ^R WILLIAM BARKER		
LIEUT JAMES BREWER		
DAVID WHEELER Town Clark.		

The following answer of Mr. Cummings is dated at Marlborough, October 12, 1778:—

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Marlborough. Friends and Fellow Christians,—Whereas, it has pleased the great head of the Church to incline your hearts to settle the gospel ministry among you and disposed you to give me (unworthy as I am) an invitation to the important work; after mature deliberation and many anxious thoughts upon a matter of so great moment; having been importunate with God for direction and asked advice of men—

I conclude to accept your invitation (provided you will allow me two or three Sabbaths yearly during my ministry to visit my friends as they live at a distance,) Humbly confiding in Divine goodness for assistance faithfully to discharge the duty of a gospel minister, and begging your earnest prayers that a blessing may attend my ministerial labors. Heartily wishing that grace mercy and peace may be the stability of our times—I subscribe your affectionate Friend and Servant,

JOSEPH CUMMINGS.

Nov. 11, 1778, was the day chosen for the ordination; and Benjamin Tucker, Eliphalet Stone, William Barker, and Daniel Goodenow, were chosen to send letters-missive to the several churches selected to call a council to ordain Mr. Cummings; namely, to the churches of New Ipswich, Fitzwilliam, Swanzey, Dublin, Keene, and Winchendon.

How long Mr. Cummings had preached before his ordina-

tion is not known, but the following accounts copied from the records give evidence that it must have been, at least, two months: —

“Voted to Except of Capt James Lewis account For his keeping m^r Cummings horse too weeks and three Days one pound and ten shillings.

“Voted to Except of the widow martha frøst account for her Boarding m^r Cummings fore weeks & his horse, thirty six pound.

“Voted to Except of m^r Samuel Serjents account for Bording m^r Cummings one fortnit and for keeping his horse three pounds.”

The council convened on the day appointed. Rev. Mr. Farrar of New Ipswich was chosen moderator of the council, and Rev. Mr. Brigham of Fitzwilliam scribe. After its organization, it proceeded to form a church, consisting of eight members, with a covenant, the following being a copy: —

We, whose names are hereunto Subscribed, apprehending ourselves called of God into the Church State of the gospel; do first of all confess ourselves unworthy to be so highly favord of the Lord: and admire that free and rich grace of his, that triumphs over so great unworthiness; and then with an humble reliance on the aid of divine grace, therein promised, for them that in a sense of their inability to do any good thing, do humbly lay hold on his covenant, and would choose the things which please Him, —

We do publicly and solemnly declare our serious belief in the Christian religion, as contained in the Sacred Scriptures, heartily resolving to conform our lives unto the rules of that holy religion as long as we live in the world, —

We give up ourselves to the Lord *Jehovah* who is the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, and avouch Him this day to be our God, our Father, our Saviour, and our leader, and receive him, as our portion forever, —

We give up ourselves to the blessed Jesus who is the Lord *Jehovah*, adhere to Him as the head of his people in the covenant of grace, and rely on Him, as our Prophet, and our Priest, and our King, to bring us unto eternal blessedness. — We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensable obligation to glorify God in all the duties of a godly, sober, and religious life, and very particularly we seriously and solemnly promise that we will uphold the worship of God here, and not forsake the assem-

bling of ourselves together as the manner of some has been that we will attend on the ordinance of baptism, bring our children thereunto waiting for Christ's blessing upon them, and will endeavor to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, We also solemnly promise and engage to attend constantly on the ordinance of the Lords supper. We likewise promise and engage constantly to attend on public prayers, preaching of the word and on every part of public worship and perform therein.

We promise and engage to watch over one another as the gospel directs, and to assist our Rev^d Pastor when God shall give us one in upholding that government and discipline which Christ has set up in his church and to submit ourselves thereunto together with our children, taking the word of God for our only platform, and rule of faith and practice. We seriously promise religeously to observe the Lord's day to keep it holy.—We likewise promise to keep the worship of God in our families,—To make our houses places of prayer; and that we will endeavor to walk soberly, righteously, and Godly among ourselves, set a good example before others; and in a word we will make it our care, to live according to that rule Christ has set us, to do to others as we would they should deal by us.—We also invite our christian neighbors, in this town to join with us in this profession of faith and these covenant engagements; that so this Church of Christ may become beautiful as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem and terrible as an army with banners.

We promise to hold communion with all regular sister Churches, asking their help, when we stand in need of it and willingly lending them ours when properly desired. We pray that Grace, Mercy and Peace, may be multiplied to all the Churches of our Lord Jesus Christ and that the kingdoms of this earth may become his kingdom and the whole earth be filled with his glory. A.MEN.*

JAMES FLOOD

WILLIAM ADAMS

JAMES LEWIS

TIMOTHY BEMIS

SAMUEL SOPER

BENJAMIN TUCKER

EBENEZER RHODES

JOSEPH CUMMINGS the first Pastor.

When this had been signed by the covenanting brethren who formed themselves into a "Church State," it was "unanimously voted by council that they acknowledge them to be a regular Church of Christ." The council then proceeded to make inquiry respecting Mr. Cummings' call to the work of the gospel ministry in this place, and likewise into his

*During the pastorate of Rev. Moses G. Grosvenor, this covenant was laid aside and a new one adopted, which was revised in 1867, leaving it as it now stands upon the records.

religious principles and qualifications for that position. "Voted that they were satisfactory to the council."

After this, the council voted "that the Rev. Mr. Sprague of Dublin shall make the introductory prayer, that the Rev. Mr. Brigham of Fitzwilliam make the prayer preceding the charge, that the Rev. Mr. Brown of Winchendon give the charge, that the Rev. Mr. Goddard of Swanzey give the right hand of fellowship, and that the Rev. Mr. Hall of Keene make the concluding prayer."

At this time, the meeting-house was in an unfinished state, having no doors or glass windows, and only a loose floor laid inside; and tradition tells us that the interesting services of the ordination were performed on the carpenter's bench.

That this council was well provided for is shown by the fact that at a town-meeting, October 20, Lieut. Eliphalet Stone and Mr. William Barker agreed to provide for the council at the ordination for fifty-five pounds, "a seffisioncy"; and it was voted "to accept of the men for the above said purpose."

The salary of Mr. Cummings — \$133.33 — not extravagantly large at the best, was soon rendered wholly inadequate by the depreciation of paper money, which began in 1777, and went on so rapidly that by 1781 it had become nearly worthless. At a meeting in February, 1780, the town "voted that the Rev^d Mr. Joseph Cummings's salary for the last year Be Doubled forty Times." But even this sum he undoubtedly found to be quite unequal, in actual value, to the original salary. At a meeting in October of the same year, the town voted to "Dubble Mr. Cummings second year's salary seventy two for one, or in other words to give forty Dollars to Mr. Cummings in Lieu of each three shillings and four pence Being what was in Lieu of one Bushel of Rie."

At a church-meeting, July 5, 1779, James Flood was chosen deacon; and Eliphalet Stone, chorister. The Rev. Mr. Cummings undoubtedly presided at this meeting as moderator, though he did not sign the record. Nothing

worthy of notice appears to have taken place in the church after this meeting, except the admission of a few members, and the baptizing of a number of children, until the difficulties arose, which terminated in the dismissal of Mr. Cummings. So meagre are the records of the town and church at this period that we can get no information as to how these difficulties commenced, but they probably arose from his neglecting the duties of a pastor, and failing to lead a godly life before the people.

The town on its part, had failed to fulfil the contract to clear eighteen acres of Mr. Cummings' land, which was to be completed within two years from his settlement. What excuse there could have been for the nonfulfilment of this contract does not appear; but it seems that, at the breaking out of the troubles with him, only one-half of the first nine acres had been cleared.

Considerable excitement prevailed throughout the town, the people charging Mr. Cummings with unfaithfulness, and the pastor denouncing the people for not fulfilling their contract, and also charging them with unkindness.

If there were any church-meetings held at this time, the record of them has been lost; and what little we have been able to learn, was gleaned from the town records. At a meeting held Nov. 30, 1780, the town chose Lieut. Benjamin Tucker, Dea. James Flood, Samuel Soper, Daniel Cutting, Lieut. Phineas Farrar, Reuben Ward, and Lieut. Moses Tucker, a committee "to goe and try to settle Dificulties Between m^r Cummings and the Town, and if not, to goine with him in calling and Chusing a Counsel." The meeting was then adjourned to the fifth day of December, at which time this committee was ordered to report. At the adjourned meeting, it was voted to accept of the report of the committee, which is as follows:—

Wee the Subscribers Being a Committee appointed by the Town of marlboro to treat with the Revd. mr. Joseph Cummings to see what method to Come in to. In order to Settle the Dificulties Subsisting Between mr Cummings and this church and Town having attended upon that Business Beg Leave to Report (viz)—

to Chuse a counsil Consisting of five Churches Viz, the Rev^d mr,

Farrar of New Ipswich, the Rev^d Mr. Brown of Winchendon, the Rev^d Mr. Lee of Royalston, the Rev^d Mr. Brigham of Fitzwilliam, the Rev^d Mr. Goddard of Swanzey, agreed to per me

JOSEPH CUMMINGS

December y ^c 1 st 1780		moses Tucker	} Committee In Behalf of the Town.
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James flood		Daniel Cutting	
Samuel Sojer		Renbin Ward	

The council convened on the 26th of December, and was composed of the pastors and delegates from the churches of Fitzwilliam, Swanzey, and Royalston, and two delegates from the church of New Ipswich. The Rev. Benjamin Brigham of Fitzwilliam was moderator; and the Rev. Edward Goddard of Swanzey, scribe. The following is the result of their deliberations:—

The council was opened by the Rev^d Moderator with humble prayer to the Father of lights for influence and direction. The council then went into a full hearing of the objections of the committee of the Chh. and Town against the Rev^d Mr. Cummings, and also of the Rev^d Mr. Cummings against the Chh. and people and also their several defenses and having attained all the light and evidence we could, came unanimously into the following resolutions, viz.

With regard to the first general article charging the Rev^d Mr. Cummings with unfaithfulness in the great work of the gospel ministry, which general being divided into particulars, was considered in the following manner, viz.—

Part 1st His not spending a reasonable part of his time in his studies, it was unanimously voted that the complaint was well supported.

Part 2^d His not visiting the sick, voted unanimously to be well supported.

Part 3^d His not catechising the children, voted unanimously, that although we do not view this complaint in this particular, to be fully supported, yet we would express our sorrow that the Rev^d. Mr. Cummings has not taken greater pains in this branch of pastoral duty.

Part 4th His not seeking after those that went astray, or those he supposed went astray, voted unanimously to be well supported.

Part 5th His not faithfully warning of particular persons in private, which he has accused to others, voted unanimously to be well supported.

Article 11th In which Mr. Cummings is charged with being unexemplary in walk, imprudent in conversation, unchristian in comparing, rash in judging, and slandering, voted unanimously to be well supported in all its parts or particulars.

Article III^d Charging the Rev^d. Mr. Cummings with profaunty, voted unanimously to be well supported, —

Article IIIIth Charging the Rev^d Mr. Cummings with deceitfulness. Voted unanimously that although this article with regard to particular instances does not appear to us to be supported by such evidence as the laws of God require in order to full conviction; yet we are constrained to say that in our opinion there are some circumstances which render Mr. Cummings character at least suspicious.

The council then took into consideration the matters of grievance on the part of the Pastor and, I Voted unanimously that the people are chargable with breach of contract in not clearing the land and payment of salary, yet that this breach of contract is not such as to afford any reasonable excuse for his unfaithfulness in pastoral duty.

II With regard to unkindness from individuals, complained of by the Pastor, it does not appear to this council that he has just cause of complaint.

This council having seriously considered these things, cannot think that it would be either for the honor of God, the interest of religion in general, or the spiritual peace and edification either of the Pastor, or people that the relations between them should be continued. And must accordingly advise, that the Rev^d. Mr. Cummings ask and the Chh. and people immediately vote him dismission. And that they mutually refer all matters of controversy of a civil nature, if any such they have to referees as it is the judgment of this council, that they cannot come properly under our cognizance.

After some words of admonition and advice to Mr. Cummings and the church, the result of the council was published in the meeting-house.

Mr. Cummings being asked by the Moderator whether he accepted it, publicly declared his acceptance, and asked a dismission. Whereupon the question was put to the Church whether they accepted it, and did dismiss the Rev^d Mr. Cummings from his pastorate relation unto them, and the vote being tried, passed unanimously in the affirmative, Whereupon the Moderator in the presence of the council declared the pastoral relations dissolved.

BENJAMIN BRIGHAM, Moderator.

Attest, EDWARD GODDARD, Scribe.

The town voted on the 30th of December to accept of the result of the venerable council, and to concur with the church in having the pastoral relation between Mr. Cummings and the church and town dissolved.

The difficulties growing out of Mr. Cummings' connection with the church did not end with his dismissal, but continued for a long time. Mr. Cummings, after waiting a reasonable time, failing to get a settlement, had recourse to the law in order to recover £91 19s. 10*d.* of his salary, which remained unpaid; also another like sum which he claimed was due him from the town; and also another sum of £108 for damage sustained in not having his land cleared as the town agreed.

The case was brought to trial at the October term of court, 1782, and was decided in favor of Mr. Cummings. The town, not satisfied, appealed to the next term of the Supreme Court, which was held in May, 1783; but the case never came to trial, for the town, on mature deliberation, decided that it was better to settle the matter in some other way. Accordingly, in June they voted "to concur with the Committees of church and town in bringing the Difficulties Between mr Cummings and the town to a happy issue."

"Voted to chuse a Committee to Joine with Mr. Cummings in providing for the Counsel. Chose Abjiah Tucker, Silas fife, and Deacon flood for the aforesaid purpose."

"Voted to Chuse a committee of five men to act in Behalf of the town in the Dispute against Mr. Cummings. Chose Lt James Brewer, mr Samuel Soper, mr Daniel Cutting, Lt. Phinehas Farrar, and mr. Reuben Ward a Committee for the afore Said purpose."

"Voted that this committee Get such Evidence in the town or out as they shall think proper for the Defence of the town against mr Cummings."

We regret that we cannot produce the names of those who composed this council, or give an account of their proceedings; but we presume it was satisfactory to the town, as they voted at their next meeting "to accept of the award of the late arbitrators between Mr. Cummings and the town committee," and subsequently we find that they voted to "Raise the money the arbitrators Brought in to pay mr Cummings which is forty pounds."

That this council was not allowed to deliberate on such

weighty matters with empty stomachs is fully proved by the following accounts which were subsequently brought in and allowed by the town:—

Voted to allow Lt. Collins for four pounds of Butter for Council,	£0: 2: 8
Voted to allow Jedediah Tayntor for fifty nine pounds and half of Veal for the Council,	£0: 11: 10
Voted to allow Ebenezer Rhodes for half Bushel turnups and seven pounds Butter for the council,	£0: 5: 8
Voted to allow Richard Robberts for service and in finding Rum and sugar for Council,	£0: 13: 8
allowed to Lt. Eliphalet Stone to four Nights horse keeping and one pound and half tobacco for Council,	£0: 3: 8
allowed Reuben Ward for five pounds and three quarters of a pound pork and six candles for Council,	£0: 6: 2
allowed to Lt. phineas farrar for thirty two pounds wt of Lamb for the Council,	£0: 8: 6
allowed to John m ^c Bride for two pounds & half Butter,	£0: 1: 8

The protracted controversy with Mr. Cummings proved a great injury to the cause of religion. For more than nine years there is no record of any additions to the church; and for nearly thirteen years there was no settled pastor, and preaching only a part of the time. Ten were at different times admitted to the church, and a few were dismissed to other churches. There were sixty-four baptisms, the number being swelled by the adoption of the “half-way covenant,” as it was called, in 1783. This covenant allowed parents, publicly, to give their assent to the creed of the church, which allowed them the privilege of presenting their children for baptism, but not that of communion. This custom prevailed only a short time, being set aside soon after the settlement of Mr. Fish.

For the first few years after the dismissal of Mr. Cummings, the people were so taxed to procure their quota of men, and their share of beef and rum for the continental army, that they raised but little money for the support of the Gospel.

The ministers of the surrounding towns occasionally occupied the pulpit. We find that the following clergymen also

labored here for a longer or shorter time during this period:—

1785. Rev. J. Dammon.
 1786. " John Remmington.
 1787. " Elijah Leonard.
 — " Caleb Blake of Wrentham, Mass.

In 1789, Rev. Ebenezer Hill supplied the desk for several months, giving good satisfaction, and was invited to settle, but having, only a short time previous, received a similar call from the church and town of Mason, N.H., he declined the call, and was ordained in that place, Nov. 3, 1790, where he remained in the work of the ministry for the unusual period of sixty years, and died May 20, 1854, aged eighty-eight years.

In a letter written to a friend, under date of May 5, 1790, he writes, "I have tried to think it was my duty to settle at Marlborough, but it appears quite plain to me that Providence has pointed out Mason as the place." Notwithstanding his declination to settle here, he ever entertained for the people of Marlborough an affectionate regard.

Mr. Hill was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Cutler) Hill of Cambridge, Mass., and was born at that place Jan. 31, 1766. He entered Harvard College at the age of sixteen, graduated in 1786, and after this he studied theology with Rev. Seth Payson of Rindge.

In 1790, the town and church invited the Rev. Solomon Adams to settle with them, but Mr. Adams declined. The Rev. Nathan Underwood supplied the pulpit for some time in 1791, and was invited to settle, and probably would have accepted the call, had they been able to agrée upon his salary. As it was, he, like the others, went his way; and the church, at the close of this year, found itself as before without a pastor, and no immediate prospect of obtaining one.

In 1792, a Mr. Walcott preached for a short time. In the course of the summer, Rev. Halloway Fish of Upton, Mass., commenced his labors here. The first mention made of him

on the records is under date of November 16, at which time the town voted "to hire Mr. Fish twelve Sabbaths Longer." On the fourth day of the following February, the town voted to concur with the church in inviting Mr. Fish to settle with them in the work of the gospel ministry, voting him at the same time a settlement of one hundred and seventy pounds, with a salary of seventy pounds a year so long as he continued their minister. The settlement was to be paid one-half in three months and the other half in twelve months after his ordination.

Mr. Fish did not immediately reply to this call, but continued to supply the pulpit. In May, another meeting was called, "to see if the town holds of a mind to settle Mr. Fish in the work of the Gospel ministry for it hath bin Reported to him there is not so Good a union now as there was when the Town Gave him his Call, and for that Reason he Desires to know your minds in full."

It was voted "for Mr. Fish to tarry with us in the ministry." The result of this meeting having been conveyed to Mr. Fish, he made the following reply:—

To the Church of Christ and Congregational Society in Marlborough greeting.

I have taken into view the circumstances of the case before me; your broken situation for many years I have seriously considered and your goings toward your former minister and toward Candidates and their treatment of you. I have seen the situation of the Chh. I have viewed it is small and I fear that that discipline which is absolutely necessary to preserve a Chh. from contempt and reproach has not been observed in this place. Your offer I have taken under serious Consideration. To the union I have been an eye witness, and it is not so good as I could wish that it was. I have endeavored to let every circumstance have its proper weight, and to discover what will probably be the consequences of my accepting or rejecting your invitation. As for the Scriptures of truth I know of no particular direction in them which will apply to my situation unless it be Christ's general rule, Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them.

By placing myself in the situation of an inhabitant of this town and by my placing him in my situation and then inquire what I should wish that he would do, affords me some light or assistance to understand my own way. In addition to these things I have represented the situation of matters in this place in as just a light as I possibly could to those who I

have reason to suppose are friends to me and friends to religion, and who are experienced, and judicious, and the best, and almost the only advice which I can obtain from them is this. Act like an honest man consult the good of the cause in which you are engaged. And to the throne of Grace I have often repaired for wisdom to understand my own way and a heart to do those things which shall be for the Glory of God and the interest of Zion. And what shall I do more, that I have not done in order to understand my own way. Shall I delay the matter? this will be disagreeable to you and to me for a state of suspense is a disagreeable situation and delays are often dangerous, though in some cases they are suitable and proper, but as almost four months have past since you gave me an invite to tarry with you, it appears necessary that matters should be brought to a point and if I understand my own way, or know what is suitable to be done, it is my duty to comply with your request. I therefore accept of your invitation to become your stated minister in Divine things, yet I must say it is with a trembling heart sensible of the work which is before me, sensible of the difficulties which always fall to the lot of ministers, and sensible of my own insufficiency for these things. But if I am one of Christ's ministers, He will always be with me according to His promise to His Appostles and to His ministers, "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world" and by His assistance I shall be enabled to do all things which shall be incumbent on me as one of His ambassadors.

What shall I say more? will it be improper to pray that the relation which will probably ere long be formed between us, may be lasting happy and profitable for Time and Eternity? may we live together in peace and be helpers of each other in the way to Glory? This I present you as my answer with the following exceptions, viz. That I should have the liberty of being absent from you two Sabbaths in the course of every year during my ministry with you.

HALLOWAY FISH.

Marlborough, May, 19th, 1793.

The town selected the last Wednesday of September as the day for the ordination, and voted to send to the churches in Upton, Northbridge, Westborough, Keene, Swanzey, Fitzwilliam, Rindge, and Dublin.

Voted to choose a Committee of three men to provide for the Council.

Voted that the committee provide for the Council and keep an account of the cost and lay it before the Town.

Voted Deacon Stone, Lt. Reuben Ward, and Mr. Silas Fife, be a Committee to provide for the Council.

The pastors of the above churches were present, with the exception of Westborough and Rindge, which were repre-

sented by their delegates. This council convened at the house of Peletiah Cummings on the 24th of September, 1793, at three o'clock P.M. The examination of the candidate was interrupted by Daniel Cutting who presented a remonstrance against the ordination of Mr. Fish, signed by Richard Roberts and twelve others. The council voted that it was not a sufficient bar to prevent the ordination.

At this time, the distinction between the Orthodox and what afterwards became the Unitarian elements of Congregationalism was becoming marked. Although there was no actual division, yet it was clearly understood on which side each minister belonged, and the controversy frequently cropped out at councils. Mr. Goddard of Swanzey was the leader of what was then called the "Arménian" element. The Fishes, father and sons, were staunch Calvinists. Rev. Elisha Fish of Upton, the father of Halloway, was moderator of the council, and of course the strong points of Calvinism were clearly brought out in the examination. When the council were by themselves, led on by Mr. Goddard who was scribe, a minority of four voted against ordaining. This was in the evening, it being the custom to examine one day, and ordain the next. The next morning, when the council assembled, the moderator, having consulted previously with his Calvinistic brethren, proposed a reconsideration of the vote which had passed by a strong majority to ordain the candidate. On reconsidering, all voted not to ordain; thus yielding the ground entirely to the four "Armenians." But to this they dared not consent, knowing that it would raise a storm of indignation against them. Accordingly, Mr. Goddard immediately moved another reconsideration, and the vote was made unanimous in favor of the ordination. Mr. Goddard said he voted for it under the circumstances, but "with fear and trembling."

Mr. Fish was born in Upton, Mass., Aug. 2, 1762. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1790. His father, Rev. Elisha Fish, was pastor of the Congregational Church in Upton for many years. Mr. Fish was a very different man from Mr. Cummings, serious and devout in spirit, exemplary in his

life, being faithful as a minister of Christ. He was a man of sound judgment, but not of popular pulpit talents. He was not a natural scholar, like his brother Elisha, who settled in Gilsum; but he was a much better manager of business. Their father once said of them, "Halloway must teach Elisha farming, and Elisha must teach Halloway theology."

Although a very blunt man in his speech, he was friendly toward other denominations, and always remained on good terms with them. He was a most vigilant and sagacious watchman on the walls of Zion. Very few men, if any, of his times, were possessed of keener discernment as to truth and error. He defended the truths and exposed the errors of his times with boldness and strength, to an extent not common to his contemporaries in the ministry. At one time, he preached against dancing; and some of the gay young people who were accustomed to attend balls took offence, and sheared his horse's mane and tail. To this he paid no attention, but rode his horse everywhere just as before. When any questions were asked, he replied "that it was not exactly to his own taste, but it was to the taste of some of his people, and so he submitted to it." He was a sound, sensible preacher; and people who liked sound doctrine, and plain, practical sense, always enjoyed his preaching.

After the death of Rev. Mr. Hall of Keene, the neighboring ministers, as was the custom, supplied the pulpit in turn, for the benefit of the widow. The church in Keene, at that time, was composed of both the Calvinistic and Unitarian elements, and of course there was much comparing of the preachers of the different views. When Mr. Howe of Surry (who was a decided Armenian) preached, he was thought very dull and weak. Elijah Parker, Esq., meeting Hon. John Prentiss on Monday, rallied him on the dulness of his Armenian preacher. "Well," says Mr. Prentiss, "he will do to offset Father Fish, of Marlborough." "Pooh!" says Mr. Parker: "I'd rather have Father Fish's great coat stuffed, in the pulpit, than Mr. Howe."

During the ministry of Mr. Fish, the church greatly increased in membership. The years of 1813-14 were seasons of special ingathering; thirty-two being received into the church by profession of faith. The largest increase in any single year was in 1822, when forty were added, all by profession of faith, seven of whom still survive. The whole number of members added to the church during the term of Mr. Fish's pastorate of nearly thirty-one years, was one hundred and seventy-eight, and three hundred and three children were baptized. Mr. Fish died Sept. 1, 1824, aged sixty-two years and one month.

The wife of Mr. Fish was Hannah Brigham of Westborough, Mass., to whom he was united previous to his settlement in Marlborough. To her few acquaintances who still remain, no words of eulogy are necessary, to add to their estimation of her life and character. Her pure and useful life, her consistent example, winning deportment, and earnest piety, shed a beautiful halo and a gentle radiance over her husband's long pastorate. To that beloved and venerated pastor, she was truly a helpmeet in all home duties, and a most efficient aid in winning souls to Christ. Many rise up to call her blessed. She remained in Marlborough until 1840, when she returned to Westborough to reside with her nephew, Halloway Brigham, where she died a few years after.

At the death of Mr. Fish, the union which had existed between the town and church was dissolved, and a society formed, September 25th of the same year, which was known by the name of "The First Evangelical Congregational Society of Marlborough." Thirty-seven persons affixed their names to the constitution, only two of whom are now living; namely, Rev. Luther Wiswall of Windham, Me., and Benjamin Whitney of Littleton, N.H.

May 25, 1825, the church and society united in extending a call to Rev. Salmon Bennett to become their pastor, with a salary of \$300 per year, which call was accepted; and he was installed September 28th of the same year. Mr. Bennett had previously been settled in Winchester, where

he remained eight years, and had also labored one year in Roxbury. His pastorate here was only about five and a half years. The church and society being unable to make up his salary for a whole year, he was dismissed, April 5, 1831. During his pastorate, twenty-five united with the church, only five of whom remain.

At this period, the church suffered much inconvenience for the want of a stated place in which to hold their meetings on the Sabbath. There were four other denominations that claimed a right to the centre meeting-house; and the Congregationalists being few in numbers could only occupy it occasionally, holding their services in school-houses and private dwellings the rest of the time.

After the dismissal of Mr. Bennett, Rev. Erastus Curtis labored for them one year, and from that time until 1835 they had no stated preaching.

June 25, 1833, the society having disbanded, a new one was formed, which took the name of the Trinitarian Congregational Society of Marlborough. At an adjourned meeting of this society, June 29, 1833, it was voted to build a meeting-house, to be under the control of the society, which should be built by subscription, giving to all the subscribers the choice of the spot on which the house should stand, and the materials of which it should be built, and the choice of the committee or agents to build the same.

There were numerous locations spoken of as the site for the new house. Of the two most prominent, one was near Esquire Sweetser's estate, and the other near Charles Holman's, where it was finally located.

Soon after the above meeting, the following subscription paper was circulated under date of Aug. 17, 1833:—

The subscribers taking into consideration the inconvenience of having but one house of worship for several denominations wish to build a meeting house on the following conditions, to wit:—

1st. The house shall be for the use of the Trinitarian Congregational Society of Marlborough, and shall be legally secured to said society or to persons appointed by it, to hold in trust for the society, and no other denomination shall have any right to use said house without the consent of the society.

2d. The subscriptions shall be paid to Wm. Farrar, treasurer of the society, or his successor in office.

3d. The house shall be located in that place of those mentioned below for which the greater number of shares shall be subscribed, taking into consideration the price of the building spot; and no person shall be obliged to pay subscription except the house be placed on the spot for which he subscribes.

4th. The estimated expense of the house shall be divided into shares of ten dollars each, and each subscriber shall have the right of one vote for each share he may own, provided always that this right of suffrage shall not be so construed as to effect the right of said society to control the pulpit.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Near Charles Holman's.</i>	<i>Near Esq. Sweetser's.</i>
James Farrar,	20	0
David Wilkinson, Jr.,	20	0
William Farrar,	6	3
Luther Wiswall,	6	3
Calvin Stone,	1	3
Charles Holman,	5	0
Abner Boyden,	20	0
Ebenezer Hemenway,	2	1
Simeon Whitcomb,	6	3
Jonas Woodward,	2	2
Phinehas Farrar,	0	5
Benjamin Whitney,	0	5
Charles Collister,	1	0
John Joslin,	1	0
Asa Frost,	20	10
Josiah Woodward,	0	2
Jacob Woodward,	0	1
Ziba Nason,	3	0
Allen Clapp,	1	0
Daniel Buss,	1	0
John Wiswall,	4	0
Joseph Frost,	2	0
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By many it was considered a foolhardy undertaking to build a meeting-house on its present site, and the society, being few in numbers, found it up-hill work; but each one took hold in earnest, and did with his might what his hands found to do. Some aid was also received from neighboring churches and friends abroad, and the work went steadily

forward; and the new meeting-house was dedicated, Oct. 29, 1834.

At this time there were not more than six or eight dwelling-houses, a store, blacksmith-shop, grist-mill, and tavern, in what now comprises the village; and the building of the brick meeting-house was, no doubt, one of the determining causes of the beautiful village which has sprung up around it.

Rev. Moses G. Grosvenor was installed pastor of the church, May 20, 1835. Mr. Grosvenor was a graduate of Dartmouth College and Andover Theological Seminary, and had before labored as settled paster in Acworth, N.H., and Barre, Mass. Thirty-two united with the church during his pastorate. Difficulties growing out of a case of discipline, which came before the church, led to his dismissal, Dec. 2, 1840. He afterward removed to Troy, Ohio. He died in Boston, Mass., in the summer of 1879.

Rev. Giles Lyman was born in Belchertown, Mass., March 16, 1802; son of Giles and Mary (Hubbard) Lyman. Graduated at Amherst College in 1827, and Andover Theological Seminary in 1831.

Mr. Lyman maintained a high standing in college and seminary as a scholar and a most conscientious Christian man. He was ordained at Jaffrey, N.H., Jan. 11, 1832, and installed colleague of Rev. Laban Ainsworth, over the Congregational Church, as the first colleague this church settled in connection with Mr. Ainsworth. Mr. Lyman thoroughly indoctrinated this people, and thus shielded them against any temptation in the future to settle a pastor of too lax views. This pastorate was dissolved, May 3, 1837. After this, he was acting pastor at Fowlerville, N.Y., 1837-38, and at Ashburnham, Mass., 1838-39, and at Gardner, Mass., 1839-40.

He commenced to labor in Marlborough, Dec. 13, 1840. The distressing and disheartening malady which afflicted him, making it problematical in his own mind whether he could long discharge the duties of a permanent pastorate, led him to decline a settlement during the twenty-eight years he continued to labor in this town.

He found the church, at the beginning of his ministry among them, in a seriously distracted condition, with little influence in the community.

The prejudice growing out of its establishment as the town church during the first forty years of its history, had abated but little, if any. Another cause of disturbance, the removal of the place of worship from the middle of the town to the village, had alienated many of the inhabitants, and they had not yet forgotten their grievances. In addition, internal dissensions had brought the church to the very verge of ruin.

Among these contending brethren, Mr. Lyman came; and by his wise course, unaffected piety, and unmistakable interest in the real good of all, he gained the confidence even of those who were most at variance in the church, and thus was enabled in time, by the blessing of God, to so heal the differences that prosperity smiled upon the society.

The church became independent of missionary aid, mainly through his self-denying efforts. He voluntarily relinquished what was justly his due, that others might receive its benefit.

A revival among the young people, in 1842, cheered the heart of the pastor, and greatly aided in the work of reconciliation. 1852-58 and 1864 were seasons of revival in his ministry.

Mr. Lyman continued as acting pastor until May 10, 1868, long enough to see a new generation come upon the stage. During his ministry, one hundred and thirty-eight were added to the church. After his retirement from the ministry, he remained in town and in the parsonage until the spring of 1870, greatly assisting his successors by his counsels and his prayers, and was much respected and beloved by the people of his former charge.

At this time, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman accepted the invitation of their brother-in-law, Dr. Gordding of Winchendon, Mass., who had recently buried his wife, to spend the remainder of their days with him, to remove the desolation of his

home. But in this retreat, which God had so kindly provided, Mr. Lyman did not long remain. On the 16th of November, 1872, he was released from his earthly toils and pain, and entered into his eternal rest.

A brother in the ministry well acquainted with him for many years, says of him: "He was ever regarded by his brethren in the ministry as an able writer and thinker. He was likewise an earnest preacher, and very faithful in dealing with his hearers and parishioners. The responsibility of souls seemed to be upon him, and he burned to do his whole duty to them in declaring the messages of God. Though plain of speech in his dealings with sin, and keen in his analysis of the motives of human action, his heart was full of the milk of human kindness, and he had most attached friends in his pastorates. Pure in morals, intelligent, and fair-minded, he had the respect of all."

Mr. Lyman married, Dec. 14, 1835, Louisa Whitney, daughter of Phineas Whitney of Winchendon, Mass. She was born in that town, May 30, 1812.

Few clergymen have ever found in a wife a more discreet or safe counsellor, or one better suited to increase his influence in the pastoral relations. Her warm and affectionate social nature, her cheerful, happy, and friendly manner, and the welcome gush of youthful feeling, attracted many to her, and made them devoted and long-trying friends. She is remembered in this town, where she spent so many years of activity, as a woman of great excellence, gentle, modest, and unassuming in her intercourse, self-sacrificing and yet firm in her convictions of duty, and in her loyalty to truth and to Christ.

At the close of ten years from the commencement of Mr. Lyman's pastorate, the congregation had so increased that it was deemed expedient to enlarge their house of worship, which was carried into effect during the summer of 1851. At this time, the meeting-house, besides receiving the addition of twenty pews and a new pulpit, was painted and carpeted, giving the whole a neat and tasteful appearance.

In 1859, the society, having freed itself from the debt

which had clung to it, since the repairing of the church edifice, eight years before, now began to take into serious consideration the expediency of building a house for Mr. Lyman. A meeting of the society was held on the 16th of June, for the purpose of taking this matter into consideration. A piece of land having been deeded by Charles Holman to Mr. Lyman, for that purpose, it was voted to build a house thereon.

Asa Maynard, Simeon Whitecomb, and Solon S. Wilkinson, were chosen a committee to carry this vote into effect. The work was rapidly carried forward, and the house was so far completed that Mr. Lyman took possession of it the 29th of the following December. During the next year, the grounds were tastefully laid out, the high bank in front of the house was properly levelled, and Mr. Lyman, at his own expense, did much toward beautifying the grounds.

To meet the expense incurred by building the parsonage, Mr. Lyman generously advanced \$800. The ladies of the "Benevolent Society" took upon themselves the responsibility of cancelling this debt, being greatly encouraged by Warren H. Wilkinson of Springfield, Mass., who made them the generous offer of placing twenty-five cents by the side of every dollar raised for that purpose. It is needless to say that the ladies went to work with a will, and that ere long the whole was cancelled.

In April, 1868, Mr. Lyman, having served as acting pastor of church and society for more than twenty-eight years, sent in the following letter of resignation:—

GENTLEMEN OF THE TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY:

I have long felt that I was unable, on account of impaired health, properly to perform the duties of a minister of the gospel to this Church and Society; and with this conviction and on this ground, many years ago, as some of you will remember, I proposed to the Society that they should seek a supply elsewhere. But the Society unanimously, if I rightly recollect, expressed a wish that I should remain, and labor as I might be able with the health I had; and I have acted accordingly.

At the time when your committee waited upon me after the annual meeting of the society in January, I hoped I might be able to go through the labors of another year, something as in the last year, and others

preceding, though I felt and expressed to them some doubt upon the subject: since that time, however, having narrowly escaped a serious illness, as I think from overtaxing my powers, and having a deep feeling that the work which needs to be done here in my present state of health is beyond my ability to perform, and especially in consideration of the impaired health and serious disability of my wife, requiring relief from care and labor, having sought guidance from God in a matter of such importance, I have come to the decided conclusion that the time has arrived when it is proper for me to resign my charge as your minister, and will do this so soon as you shall procure one to take my place.

Thanking you most sincerely for all your kindness in the past, and earnestly praying that God will guide and prosper you in obtaining a suitable man to be your minister,

I am most affectionately yours,

GILES LYMAN.

Marlborough, April 27th, 1868.

The resignation of Mr. Lyman was accepted, and a committee chosen to hire a minister. Several candidates were employed, among whom was Rev. Henry B. Underwood. He was the son of Rev. Almon and Henrietta (Platt) Underwood, born at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Dec. 25, 1839; graduated at Williams College, 1862, and Andover Theological Seminary, 1865. He labored at Ringwood, Ill., and at East Long Meadow, Mass., previous to his coming to Marlborough. He remained here only about seven months. He afterwards preached at Baxter Springs, Kansas, and also at Hillsboro' Bridge, where he was installed pastor, March 7, 1871, dismissed July 7, 1872. In 1873, he was acting pastor at Algona, Iowa, where he married, July 8, 1875, Emily, daughter of Capt. Elkana and Sarah (Willey) Rich of that place. He died at Algona, Sept. 2, 1875.

In the spring of 1869 occurred a very powerful revival, the result of a series of protracted meetings held by Rev. A. B. Earle, an evangelist. During the year, forty-three were added to the church, many of them heads of families, and among them some of our most influential citizens, thus raising the church from the feeble position it had hitherto held, to one of the strongest in the county.

In April, 1869, Rev. Silas P. Cook of Keene commenced his labors here. After preaching some two months, he

received a unanimous call from the church and society, which was accepted; and he was ordained pastor, June 24, 1869. Mr. Cook, at his own request, was dismissed Feb. 23, 1870, since which time he has labored in Windsor and Ludlow, Vermont.

Rev. John L. Merrill commenced his labors here in April, 1870, and was installed pastor, May 2, 1871. He was born in Haverhill, N.H., May 24, 1833, the son of Abel Kimball and Mary (Leverett) Merrill; fitted for college at the Haverhill Academy and Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H.; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1856, and at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1859. Commenced to labor at once with New Harmony Church, Chanceford, Pennsylvania. Ordained by presbytery of Donegoll (now Westminster) as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of New Harmony, Oct. 31, 1860. Was dismissed in November, 1865, and accepted the position of principal of the combined high schools of Lancaster City, Penn. Resigned in April of the next year, to accept a call from the Congregational Church in Acworth, N.H., where he was installed, June 13, 1866, dismissed March 1, 1870, and removed to Marlborough, where he still labors.

In the summer of 1869, Hon. Rufus S. Frost of Chelsea, Mass., made known to the society his wish to present them a new organ, to be placed in the meeting-house whenever it should be prepared to receive it.

At a meeting of the society, August 16, Elisha O. Woodward, George G. Davis, and William M. Nason, were chosen a committee to examine the meeting-house, and procure plans for enlarging or remodelling, and repairing the same, and report at a future meeting.

Another meeting was held August 30, at which the committee rendered their report, and it was voted unanimously to repair the house. At the same time, E. O. Woodward, Geo. G. Davis, and Wm. M. Nason were chosen "a committee to solicit subscriptions for making the necessary repairs and additions." At a subsequent meeting, these gentlemen were chosen a committee "to make suitable repairs and additions."

Through the untiring and earnest efforts of this committee, the sum of \$1,427.99 was raised by subscription, which amounted to nearly enough to defray the expense of the repairs. Of this sum, \$300 was generously donated by Warren H. Wilkinson of Springfield, Mass.

A recess was built upon the east end of the building to receive the organ, fourteen new pews were added, the ceiling frescoed, and the interior tastefully painted. Shortly after the repairs were completed, the following letter was received by the officers of the society:—

CHARLES E. HOUGHTON,	} Trustees of the Trinitarian Cong'l Soc. of Marlboro', N.H.
J. WHITNEY LAWRENCE,	
CHARLES RYAN,	

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby present to you and your successors in office forever the Organ recently erected in the meeting-house of the Society which you represent, for the use of those who may worship God with said society. Although I desire to make no conditions herewith, I trust that the wisdom of your successors may prevent their ever creating a debt which may endanger the possession and use of this organ by those for whom I have designed it.

Your friend, RUFUS S. FROST.

Marlboro', N.H., July 25, 1870.

At a society meeting, August 1, the following preamble and resolutions were presented, and unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, this Society have been engaged in enlarging and repairing their house of worship, and have been abundantly blessed and prospered in completing the same, therefore be it

Resolved, That we devoutly acknowledge the good hand of the Lord in uniting the hearts of the people, and in enabling them to complete this work speedily in harmony and good-will.

Resolved, That we duly appreciate the kind motives and benevolent feelings of Hon. Rufus S. Frost, manifested to the Society by the wise and judicious means he has employed in promoting the best interests of this Society.

Resolved, That we tender to Mr. Frost our most sincere and hearty thanks for the valuable Church Organ which he has presented to this Society.

Resolved, That we return thanks to Mr. W. H. Wilkinson for the liberal and timely assistance which he so generously bestowed upon this Society.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the executive committee of the Society for the faithful discharge of all their duties as such committee, and for their untiring and successful efforts in bringing this work to so speedy a termination.

The society, having long felt the inconvenience of having no stated place in which to hold their weekly meetings, voted, at their annual meeting in January, 1875, to purchase the old school-house, in District No. 2, for a vestry. This vote was immediately carried into effect, and during the summer the building was remodelled, and neatly and tastefully fitted up for that purpose.

Since the organization of the church, thirteen persons have officiated as deacons. The following list gives their names, with the date of their accession to the office, and that of their retirement:—

	<i>Acceded.</i>	<i>Retired.</i>
James Flood,	July 5, 1779,	June 24, 1790
Eliphalet Stone,	July 8, 1790,	Feb. 9, 1817
Silas Fife,	June 22, 1791,	Sept. 3, 1815
Jacob Woodward,	Dec. 28, 1815,	Feb. 22, 1827
Kimber Harvey,	Dec. 28, 1815,	Feb. 22, 1827
James Farrar,	Feb. 22, 1827,	Nov. 3, 1861
Asa Holman,	Feb. 22, 1827,	Mar. 14, 1830
Simeon Whitcomb,	June 24, 1830,	Jan. 1, 1869
Luther Wiswall,	June 24, 1830,	Sept. 29, 1837
Charles E. Houghton,	Sept. 2, 1864,	— — 1875
Charles D. Tarbell,	Sept. 2, 1864,	Dec. 8, 1867
William M. Nason,	Sept. 2, 1870.	
Levi A. Fuller,	Oct. 30, 1874.	

The church numbers, at present, two hundred and thirty members.

The Sabbath-school connected with this church was established in 1816, by Cyrus Stone, afterwards a missionary in India, who was also the first superintendent. The school was held during the first two years in the school-house, which then stood on the east side of the common. The exercises consisted of recitations of chapters from the Bible, hymns, and the catechism committed to memory. No lessons were given out, but each youth in attendance chose one for himself.

All under twelve years of age received prizes according to the number of Bible verses committed. When sixty verses had been learned, the child received a ticket valued at one cent: when he had received tickets to the value of ten cents, he received a book of equal value. These tickets were printed on stiff paper, with a passage of Scripture on one side.

This method lasted for sometime. Then a quantity of tracts were procured, which the children were permitted to take home and read during the week, to be exchanged on the following Sabbath.

About 1827, by the kindness of two former residents, Miss Polly Barker and Mrs. Philinda Lane, the school was able to have a library which consisted of about one hundred volumes of second-hand books, procured by these ladies from the Sabbath-school libraries in Boston.

The whole number of scholars for the year ending May 1, 1878, was two hundred and fifteen; average attendance, one hundred and fifteen.

CHAPTER VII.

HISTORY OF THE METHODIST, BAPTIST, AND UNIVERSALIST CHURCHES.

FIRST METHODIST PREACHING IN TOWN. — A CLASS FORMED. — FORMATION OF THE CHURCH. — CLASS LEADERS. — A MEETING-HOUSE BUILT IN POTTERSVILLE. — REMOVAL TO MARLBOROUGH VILLAGE. — A PARSONAGE BUILT. — EARLY PREACHERS. — LORENZO DOW. — LIST OF PREACHERS. — REV. D. S. DEXTER. — BAPTISTS FIRST MENTIONED IN TOWN RECORDS. — THEY OBTAIN LEAVE TO OCCUPY THE MEETING-HOUSE. — OTHER PLACES OCCUPIED BY THEM FOR WORSHIP. — A SOCIETY FORMED. — NAMES OF MINISTERS EMPLOYED. — DEACONS. — A NEW MEETING-HOUSE. — THE SOCIETY UNABLE TO SUPPORT PREACHING. — THEY DISBAND. — MEETING-HOUSE SOLD. A UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY FORMED. — REV. E. PAINE. — SUNDAY SCHOOL. — A LIBRARY. — A MEETING-HOUSE BUILT. — PASTORS. — CHURCH FORMED. — PARSONAGE.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

THE first Methodist preaching in this town was at the house of Mr. Daniel Emerson in the year 1793 by the Rev. John Hill, of Needham Circuit, New London District.

The immediate occasion of this was, Mr. Emerson not believing exactly in the doctrinal views of the Congregational and Baptist denominations, and hearing of a new sect called *Methodist*, determined to hear for himself of their faith.

Accordingly, he mounted his horse and rode to Ashburnham, Mass., which was then the nearest place where Methodist preaching was held, and it is said by the old ministers to have been the year of its introduction there.

only three years after the first Methodist appointment within the State of Massachusetts, and five years from the first introduction of Methodism into New England. Mr. Emerson was so well pleased with the views and manners of this new sect that he earnestly besought Mr. Hill to come to his house and preach, which he did in the year above named.

According to the best information we have, the people of this town enjoyed the first regular Methodist preaching in this State. At this time there was no circuit in New Hampshire, Maine, or Vermont. But, although the first to hear it, they probably were not the first to form a class and join the church, as they do not seem thus to have moved for three years; and, as Chesterfield is mentioned in the old minutes first, it is probable that town was the first to act in this regard.

Till 1796, we have no evidence that even a class had been formed in Marlborough which seems strange when we remember the early customs, and especially the success of the first itinerants of the Methodist Church. The reason for this may be accounted for by the strength and influence of the other denominations who held regular meetings in the town, and naturally drew many away from a meeting held irregularly, or at most monthly, and many times on week-days.

During this year (1796), Phillip Wager preached a powerful sermon from Luke xiii., 7: "Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?" After which, he extended an invitation to all to join the class, and seven enrolled their names as follows:—

Mehitable Metcalf.	Coley Smith.
Mehitable Metcalf, 2d.	Nathaniel Metcalf.
Lucy Emerson.	William Comstock.
Josiah Newell.	

This class was presided over by J. Coburn, of Rindge. To this time, then, we may refer for the foundation of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Marlborough. Although the

church proper was not formed as a separate organization till some time subsequent, yet this was the starting-point, and may be said to be the true beginning.

In 1801, the church was more fully organized; and Alfred Metcalf was appointed leader, which position he continued to hold until about 1802, when he was licensed to preach. We find on his class papers the names of fourteen members. Now the church seemed to be well established. Ministers appointed for this station were holy men, filled with the spirit of reformation.

In 1802, a powerful revival progressed for a long time, and the church increased in influence and numbers. About this date, Mr. Ebenezer Herrick was appointed leader, and the meetings were removed from Mr. Emerson's to his house. In 1807, Mr. Herrick was succeeded by Nathaniel Metcalf. In 1808, Mr. Metcalf was licensed as a local preacher, and Mr. Ebenezer Wallingford was appointed leader. On his class papers are found the names of twenty-seven members. There was some trouble in the church from 1812 or 1813 until about 1820, and during this period the circuit preachers did not regularly supply this station; yet there appears to have been preaching a part of the time, either by the regular circuit riders, or local preachers, under the sanction of the presiding elder.

In 1820, their meetings were held at the house of Thomas White. In 1826, they were again held at Daniel Emerson's; and Abner Russell was appointed leader, in which office he continued faithfully, doing what he could for his Master, till death called him to the rewards of the righteous in 1855.

Nothing worthy of note seems to have occurred from this time till 1842, when a meeting-house was erected in Pottersville. Previous to the building of this, quarterly meetings were often held in barns, and not unfrequently in the "Cooper barn," which formerly stood on the old road leading to Pottersville, but is now a part of the blanket-mill of Whitney & Clark.

The meeting-house was built in Pottersville for the reason that it was the most central place, many of the members

residing in Dublin, Roxbury, and Nelson. Preaching was continued here without interruption until 1859, when Thomas L. Fowler was appointed to the charge. During the summer, he commenced preaching one-half of the time in the meeting-house then owned by the Baptists, and situated in our village, which had long stood unused, owing to the fact that they, being few in numbers, were unable to support preaching. Mr. Fowler afterwards purchased this meeting-house of the Baptist society, and made it over to the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The preaching was then wholly removed to this town, and the meeting-house in Pottersville was sold.

In the summer of 1867, a move was made to build a parsonage. A lot was purchased on Frost Street, the work commenced, and so far completed as to be occupied by Rev. D. S. Dexter who was appointed to the charge of the church in the spring of 1868.

We have found it impossible to give a complete list of all the Methodist ministers who have been stationed over this church. In the early days of Methodism, it was not unfrequently the case that the presiding elder transferred preachers from one field to another after three or six months, where it was thought they might be more useful.

Several of the ministers who were appointed to this circuit in its early days became in after years distinguished and eminent men. Among these were the eccentric Lorenzo Dow, Bishop Hedding, and Martin Reuter, afterward President of a Southern University, and also a Bishop in the Southern Branch of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Lorenzo Dow preached here in November, 1796. This was ascertained from his diary. Under date of Nov. 21, 1796, he says: "I preached in Rindge, thence to Marlborough, where our meetings were not in vain." Mr. Dow was born October 16, 1777, and was only nineteen years of age when he preached in this town. He is described as being tall and of very slender form. His countenance was serious and solemn, but not dejected; and the words delivered by him cut like a sword. Abel Stevens, LL.D., in

his History of the Methodist Episcopal Church, says of him, "He was a right-hearted but wrong-headed man, labored like a Hercules, did some good, and had an energy of character which, with sounder faculties, would have rendered him as eminent as he was noted."

The following list comprises all who have been stationed over this church since 1842:—

1842. John Smith.	1861. Hiram A. Matterson.
1843. Samuel S. Dudley.	1862. " " "
1844. " " "	1863. Samuel S. Dudley.
1845. Lorenzo Draper.	1864. Anson C. Coult.
1846. Ezra Wardwell.	1865. " " "
1847. O. Watkins.	1866. Irad Taggart.
1848. Rufus Tilton & J. C. Allen.	1867. " " "
1849. J. C. Allen.	1868. D. S. Dexter.
1850. Ira Carter.	1869. " " "
1851. " " "	1870. " " "
1852. J. G. Johnson.	1871. L. Draper.
1853. " " "	1872. A. K. Howard.
1854. G. W. Bryant.	1873. " " "
1855. " " "	1874. J. H. Hillman.
1856. John Clough.	1875. " " "
1857. " " "	1876. Noble Fisk.
1858. Thomas L. Fowler.	1877. " " "
1859. " " "	1878. " " "
1860. " " "	1879. A. C. Coult.

Of the above list, none have had a greater influence on the hearts and minds of the people than Rev. D. S. Dexter. The following, in relation to him, was kindly furnished for our use by Rev. Irad Taggart:—

Rev. Deming S. Dexter was born in Newark, Vt., June 15, 1815, and died in Marlborough, Aug. 20, 1873. He was converted under the preaching of Rev. Eleazer Smith, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1829. He was early convinced that it was his duty to preach the Gospel. He spent a few terms in Newbury Seminary, preparing for his life-work.

He began to preach when about eighteen years of age. He was admitted on trial in 1846 to the Vermont Conference, and with great acceptability filled various appointments for nearly twenty years.

In the spring of 1870, he was transferred to the New Hampshire Conference, and appointed to Marlborough, having supplied the church for two years previous. During his three years' pastorate of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Marlborough, he endeared himself to the

people of his own congregation, and also of the town. The citizens of the town honored him by sending him for two years as Representative to the General Court of New Hampshire.

Mr. Dexter was a Christian gentleman, an affectionate husband, and a loving and kind father. He was a good preacher and a faithful pastor, respected and beloved by all who became intimately acquainted with him. Aug. 20, 1873, he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, and passed to his reward in glory. His funeral was attended by a large number of the people of Marlborough. His body rests in the cemetery, in hope of a glorious resurrection.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

The first mention of persons in Marlborough calling themselves Baptists is found in the town records under date of Nov. 9, 1778, it being about two years subsequent to the incorporation of the town, and some two or three months after the settlement of Rev. Joseph Cummings as its first gospel minister. In a warrant of that date for a town-meeting is an article which reads as follows: "To see if the town will relinquish those of other professions from paying taxes to the minister of said town." The action on the part of the town was a refusal to grant the request of the petitioners. A second similar request made at the next annual meeting, was also refused. The petitioners, not being discouraged by these repeated denials, the third time asked the town for a redress of their grievances, and the action of the town, as recorded March 14, 1780, was as follows: "Voted not to excuse the Separatists or Baptists without a certificate."

Accordingly, and in compliance with this condition, some ten or twelve persons who were then connected with the Baptist society in Dublin obtained papers, certifying that they were paying for the support of preaching at that place. Among this number, the church records give the following names:—

Asa Brewer.	William White.
Daniel Ball.	Israel Greenleaf.
Josiah Flint.	Elias Hemenway.
Josiah Lewis.	James Bemis.
John Greenleaf.	Isaac McAlister.

September 2, 1791, the Baptists, through an article in the warrant, asked the town to grant them the use of the meeting-house a certain share of the time. This request, like the previous ones, was, after repeated refusals, at last granted; and an arrangement was entered into by which the Baptists obtained the use of the house every fourth Sabbath. For about three years from this time, Baptist preaching was supplied by Rev. Clark Sibley. After this, and until the formation of the church in 1837, there does not appear to have been any stated preaching. Services were held occasionally at the meeting-house, and at other times in the school-house, which stood near where John M. Davis now resides, and also at the hall in the "Old Red Tavern." During this period, preaching was supplied mostly by Rev. Charles Cummings, Elder Willard of Dublin preaching occasionally.

In the summer of 1837, agreeably to the request of Rev. Charles Cummings,—

Benjamin Thatcher,
Elias Thatcher,
Howard Clark,
Levi Thatcher,
Anna Farrar,
Clark Mason,
Almira Mason,
Catharine Thatcher,

Dudley Clark,
Joseph Thatcher,
Zeruiah White,
Delilah Bemis,
Lydia Cummings,
Jemima Thatcher,
Almira Thatcher,
Nancy Thatcher,

a council composed of delegates from the churches of Troy, Swanzey, Dublin, and Westmoreland, convened at the old meeting-house June 21, and by their action constituted the petitioners a church, to be known as the BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST IN MARLBOROUGH.

July 6, following, a meeting of the members was held, at which Rev. Charles Cummings was chosen chairman; Clark Mason, clerk; Howard Clark, deacon; and Rev. Charles Cummings, pastor. In December of the same year, a society was formed, and rules and by-laws were adopted. The members of the society were:—

Clark Mason.
Benjamin Thatcher.

Levi Thatcher.
Amos Sargent.

Enoch Bemis.	John S. Sargent.
Elias Thatcher.	Gilman Converse.
Jonathan Bemis.	Asa Bemis.
Charles Cummings.	William C. Mason.
Philander Thatcher.	Artemas Bemis.
Simeon Blanchard.	David Thatcher.
Willard Converse.	Jonathan Calif.
Silas Colleston.	Charles G. Blanchard.
Allen Woodward.	Almon B. White.
Asahel Collins.	

From the society and church records, we gather the following names of ministers and their term of service:—

- Rev. Charles Cummings, from July 6, 1837, to March 1, 1839.
- “ Joseph Sargeant, from March 1, 1839, to Dec. 14, 1840.
- “ Daniel P. French, from Dec. 14, 1840, to June 15, 1842.
- “ Henry M. Danforth, from July 3, 1843, to Oct. 27, 1844.
- “ C. L. Baker preached a few months in 1845.
- “ S. Dearborn, from Aug. 15, 1847, to Oct. 1, 1849.
- “ N. Clark, from Oct. 1, 1849, to Aug. 3, 1851.
- “ J. Q. A. Ware, from Aug. 24, 1851, to July 17, 1853.
- “ G. B. Bills, a few months in 1854.
- “ T. B. Briggs, a short time in 1859.

John Quincy Adams Ware was the son of Capt. Benjamin and Martha (Chapin) Ware. He was born in Gilsum, December 17, 1822. When a youth, he was considered a young man of correct habits, strong to labor, of literary tastes, and showing considerable ability in lyceum debates and papers.

After reaching maturity, he embraced sceptical views, though he did not refrain from attending divine worship and listening to the gospel. During the preaching of Rev. Mark Carpenter in Gilsum, while he was settled in Keene, Mr. Ware was suddenly arrested by the power of the Holy Spirit, and immediately yielded himself to the claims of the Gospel.

To prepare himself for the work of the ministry, he pursued a thorough course of study at New Hampton, soon after which he came to Marlborough, and entered at once upon the duties of a preacher and pastor.

Mr. Ware was a man of considerable energy, naturally social and generous-hearted. Physically, there were not many his equal. He was full six feet in stature, weighing one hundred and eighty pounds. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, one whose air and mien made his presence felt. His style of composition for the pulpit was that of strength rather than ornament of rhetoric and gloss of diction. His manner of speaking was open, earnest, and impressive.

After closing his labors here, he went to Sanbornton, where he remained four years; thence to Addison, Vt., where he labored two years; and then to Whiting, Vt., where he remained till his death.

While a member of the Addison County Baptist Association of Vermont, he occupied a position of influence and prominence, showing that he had a power which he could wield for good in the Association. He was many times chosen its moderator, and took a more or less conspicuous part in all its deliberations. The people of Whiting, while he was a resident there, paid him a tribute of respect — not only as a minister, but as a man — in choosing him moderator of their town-meetings, which duties he ably discharged, and by his influence sometimes carried measures which otherwise would have failed.

The history of the church in Whiting, over which he was pastor six years, shows what his influence was to build up a society; and although his record was not so great as he himself could have wished, yet it was very creditable.

Being a man of good physical constitution, he was able to perform and endure more mental labor than many of his contemporaries. While on business at his sister's in Surry, he was taken sick, and died suddenly, August 29, 1865.

Howard Clark, Clark Mason, Elias Thatcher, and S. Blanchard served as deacons, and Clark Mason, Asahel Collins, Curtis W. Capron, Charles G. Blanchard, and N. Clark, as church clerks.

During the six years following the formation of the church, there was an addition of thirty members. The next year,

1843, there seems to have been a greater degree of both temporal and spiritual prosperity than in any previous, or subsequent years of the church. A new house of worship (the one now owned and occupied by the Methodist society) was dedicated July 4, and also the same year, there was an addition to the church of seventeen members.

The next eighteen years of this church are marked by no events of particular interest. There was no special revival, and the removal of church and society members by death and from other causes greatly outnumbered the accessions, in consequence of which the church was yearly growing weaker, and less able to sustain stated preaching. Under these discouraging circumstances, the faithful few remaining struggled on, till, no longer able to bear the heavy burden placed upon them, they reluctantly decided to sell their church-property and disband the church. Accordingly, a meeting was called, and convened at the house of Silas Stone, August 20, 1862, at which time it was "voted to divide the money belonging to the Baptist Church equally to each of the male members who signed the deed of the house. Voted to disband the aforesaid Baptist Church, and report to the Dublin Baptist Association."

The meeting-house had a short time previous been deeded to Thomas L. Fowler for the Methodist society.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF MARLBOROUGH.

The history of this society reaches back nearly to the eighteenth century. The first records of the society bear the date, "Oct. y^e 14th 1805." At this time, the first constitution of the society was framed. There had probably been some Universalist preaching in the town before this. Be that as it may, in 1805 the laws of New Hampshire recognized Universalists as a distinct religious denomination; and, availing themselves of this change in the laws, a society was formed, with the following constitution:—

We the undersigned do firmly believe in the "restitution of things"

spoken of "by the mouth of all God's holy prophets since the world began"; or, in other words, that God will in his infinite mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, restore all men to a state of happiness. Know all men, therefore, by these presents, that we have formed ourselves into a Christian regular constitutional independent society, with a full determination to support that gospel which brings glad tidings to all men, so far as our abilities will admit.

This constitution was signed by the following individuals:

John Wiswall.	Jonathan Capron, Jr.
Jacob French.	Joseph Willson, Jr.
Samuel Collins.	Luther Hastings.
Nathan Wild.	Joseph Cutting, Jr.
Oliver Wright.	Tisdale Howard.
Joseph Follett.	William Goodenough.
Christopher Harris.	Eli Capron.
Thaddeus Hastings.	Benjamin Goodenough.

This constitution gave place to a better one in 1816. Only two of the original men, Samuel Collins and Joseph Willson, signed the new one. This one was followed by another in 1833, and this by another in 1835, and this by still another in 1851, which was amended in 1875. One hundred and thirty-nine persons have belonged to this society, most of them heads of families.

The first society was probably formed as the result of the preaching of Rev. E. Paine, who preached occasionally in 1805, and once a month in 1806. Only one person now living remembers attending his meetings. Mrs. Sarah Davis, then a girl of fourteen, remembers the excitement occasioned by the preaching of doctrines so different from those usually preached at that time. The meetings were held at the house of Lieut. Oliver Wright, near the old meeting-house on the hill. Rev. Mr. Paine lived at Washington, N.H. He removed to New York State in 1811. From 1808 to 1816 there was only occasional preaching. Rev. Russell Streeter, the oldest living preacher in this denomination, says he preached here once in 1810.

We have no means of knowing definitely all those who preached here, the records of the society are so incomplete.

It is, however, well known that Rev. Hosea Ballou, Sen., a native of the town of Richmond, Revs. Caleb Rich, William Farwell, Thomas Barns, Elhanan Winchester, Zebulon and Adam Streeter, Joab Young, and James Babbitt, were preaching frequently in Cheshire County about this time. At this period, the Universalist clergy, like the Methodist, were mostly itinerants, and preached in places where they could obtain a hearing; and, to the credit of this early time, it may be said that the people liked to go to church so well they gave all who came a respectful hearing. Some of the oldest citizens are quite confident that they have heard in this place Rev. Hosea Ballou and James Babbitt about the year 1812.

The society was reorganized in 1816, probably by Robert Bartlett, who was that year ordained. Mr. Elijah Gates remembers Mr. Bartlett as a young man of twenty who stayed at his father's frequently. As the records for the year 1816 show that Elijah Gates, Sen., was collector and one of the committee, this tends to fix the date of Mr. Bartlett's services here.

The following names were affixed to the new constitution :

Samuel Collins.	Walter Gates.
Joseph Willson.	Windsor Gates.
Enoch White.	Artemas Collins.
Varnum Fiske.	Paul Newton.
Elijah Gates.	Stephen Rhoades.
Calvin Harvey.	Robt. Emerson.
Caleb Emerson.	Josiah Fisk.
Jonah Davis.	James Davis.
Moses Maynard.	William Lincoln.
John B. Farrar.	Daniel Cutting.

Joseph Haskell.

Among the preachers that are known to have labored here, some from 1818 to 1835, were Warren Skinner, Otis A. Skinner, I. D. Williamson, Dr. Ithiel Smead of Roxbury, formerly a Methodist minister, Mathew Hale Smith, Thomas Whittemore of Boston, editor of the *Trumpet*, Robert Bartlett of Jaffrey, Oliver Wright and Joseph Wright, two

brothers, grandsons of Lieut. Oliver Wright and cousins to Col. Converse and Jairus Collins.

In October, 1835, Rev. J. V. Wilson of Jaffrey, formed a society of forty members, and since that time the records show greater regularity and more of the evidences of permanence and piety.

A Sunday-school was formed in 1838. Willard Converse, who had been a Baptist preacher, was superintendent; Edwin and Elisha Davis, Mrs. M. P. Allison, Elijah Boyden, and Mrs. Boyden were teachers. This school, however, was short-lived. Possibly the number of societies that occupied the meeting-house made it impossible to continue it. Mr. Boyden who is now known as a humorist insists that his scholars, a fine class of boys, all rose to eminence as a result of that year's instruction. If the record of the rest of the school equals that of one of the scholars, S. H. McCollester, D.D., late president of Buchtel College, we certainly would recommend Mr. Boyden to resume his duties as Sunday-school teacher.

One of the young teachers, Mr. Edwin Davis, a few years afterward became an efficient and zealous clergyman.

A library of about seventy volumes of theological, moral, and historical books, was bought in 1835, and called the Marlborough Moral, Religious, and Historical Library. This library was only to be used by the clergy of the place and the families of the stockholders. These books are now in the library of the Universalist Sunday-school.

In 1847, an effort was made to buy or rent an interest in the Baptist (now the Methodist) Church, but unsuccessfully. In 1851, a church-edifice was built by Asa Greenwood and others, at a nominal cost of \$1,200. Forty-eight shares of \$25 each were taken as follows:—

Asa Greenwood,	4	Amos B. Tenney,	2
Jonah Davis,	4	Jonathan Jones,	2
George Harvey,	4	Samuel Allison,	2
Elijah Boyden,	4	John C. Stone,	2
William Boyden,	4	Luther Hemenway,	1
Cyrus Piper, Jr.,	3	J. D. Barker,	1
Rufus W. Piper,	3	Thaddeus L. Barker,	1

H. E. Greenwood,	2	Nelson Converse,	1
Fred'k R. Greenwood,	1	James Knowlton,	1
F. R. Thurston,	1	Augustine P. Snow.	1

But Mr. Greenwood was the prime mover in the enterprise. He furnished the lot, built the church, paid all the bills himself, and received nothing until the time of the sale of the pews, which were taken at the appraisal by the subscribers, to an amount equalling the number of shares subscribed by each, they bidding for choice. The pews remaining unsold being the property of Mr. Greenwood, he, after his removal from town, generously deeded to the "Ladies' Sewing Circle" connected with the society.

The church-edifice was dedicated Jan. 6, 1852. Rev. Lemuel Willis preached the dedicatory sermon. The Sunday-school was reorganized in April, and a choice selection of Sunday-school books obtained. The school has since greatly increased in numbers and usefulness, and has for several years enjoyed the reputation of being the "banner school" of the denomination in this county. The Ladies' Society was also organized, which has since done efficient work for the society, having raised and expended \$3,812.92 for preaching and current expenses.

The progress of the society since the building of their house has been more marked, and the regularity of worship a decided improvement upon that of former years. With the exception of about two years in war times, the pulpit has been supplied and the Sunday-school maintained.

The following statistical table gives the names of all the pastors and all suppliers who preached six months or more. Most of these were young men. Edwin Davis alone, of these, was a native of this town, and his history will be given elsewhere. Most of these clergymen are still living. Two of them, Warren A. Bassett and Lewis L. Record, died at Marlborough in the midst of their usefulness, honored and beloved by all who knew them. Three of them served in the army during the "War of the Rebellion." Truman Jackson enlisted in the ranks, was taken prisoner, and died at Andersonville; Lewis L. Record was

chaplain of the Twenty-third Massachusetts Volunteers; Henry Wells Hand enlisted as a private soldier, and rose to the rank of captain:—

STATISTICAL TABLE FROM 1835 TO 1879.

<i>Names of Pastors.</i>	<i>Length of Pastorate.</i>	<i>Resident, or otherwise.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
Rev. John Virgil Wilson,	Oct. '35 to July '37, $\frac{1}{2}$ time,	Jaffrey,	Still living.
" J. W. Bailey,	July '37 to April '39, $\frac{1}{2}$	" Hinsdale.	
" Joseph Barber,	April '39 to April '42,	Swanzy.	
" Edwin Davis,	June '44 to Feb. '46, $\frac{1}{2}$	" Marlborough,	1st resident pastor.
" Joshua Britten,	Jan. '51 to Oct. '51,	Richmond.	
" Judson Fisher,	Mar. '52 to Mar. '55,	Marlborough.	
" Alvin Abbott,	Nov. '55 to April '56,	"	
" Edwin Davis,	May '57 to May '58,	"	
" Earl Gilford,	Dec. '58 to Dec. '59, $\frac{1}{2}$	" Hinsdale.	
" Warren A. Bassett,	Jan. '60 to Aug. '60,	Marlborough,	Died Aug. 4, '60.
" Judson Fisher,	Oct. '60 to April '61,	"	
" Truman Jackson,	May '61 to Jan. '62,	Kcene and Marlborough,	Enlisted, and died in Andersonville prison.
" H. P. Osgood,	Oct. '64 to May '70,	"	
" L. L. Record, A.B.,	May '70 to Dec. '71,	"	Died Dec. 7.
" Earnest L. Senft,	May '72 to May '73,	"	
" R. T. Sawyer, B.D.,	Nov. '73 to May '74,	"	Made improve- ments in church building.
" H. Wells Hand, B.D.,	Oct. '74 to May '77,	"	Organized a ch'h March 28, 1875.
" E. B. Burgess,	June '77 to present time.	"	

On the 28th of March, 1875, a church composed of twenty-nine members was formed by the pastor, H. W. Hand, assisted by T. J. Sawyer, D.D., of Tufts College Divinity School. This church has at the present time over fifty members.

The society having labored under great inconvenience for want of a parsonage, in 1878, after mature deliberation, decided to build one. A lot was accordingly purchased of Samuel Allison just above the church, and neat and commodious buildings were immediately erected, which are now occupied by the pastor. The expense was defrayed by subscription among the society, and generous and liberal donations from friends and former citizens of Marlborough.

CHAPTER VIII.

SCHOOLS.

THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF NEW ENGLAND.—LEASE OF THE SCHOOL LAND.—CHILDREN TAUGHT AT HOME.—FIRST SCHOOLS.—FOUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—MONEY RAISED FOR SCHOOLS.—SCHOOL-HOUSES BUILT.—EIGHT DISTRICTS.—SCHOOL-TEACHERS.—SCHOOL-MONEY.—SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE.

THE common schools of New England are closely interwoven with her history and prosperity. As early as 1649, they were made a part of the legal establishment of the Massachusetts colony, having already been introduced into several of the towns. The code of that year was prefaced by a preamble which declared that it was one of the chief objects of "the old deluder, Sathan," to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures. It was therefore enacted that each township should maintain schools for reading and writing, and that a town of a hundred householders "should maintain a grammar-school with a teacher qualified to fit youths for the university." This school-law was soon after adopted in Connecticut, and by the Plymouth and New Haven colonies.

The first constitution adopted in Massachusetts, in 1780, charged the legislature to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences, and especially the public and grammar-schools in the towns. The schools—and the same was the case in New Hampshire and Connecticut, and also with the county schools in Maryland—were continued on their old colonial footing. At that time, these four were the only

States that could boast of anything like a system of public instruction; and it was a long period before their example was imitated by other States.

It will be remembered that in the grant of this township one share of land was reserved for the benefit of the schools. Jan. 1, 1767, the proprietors leased this land for a period of one hundred years to Benjamin Tucker and his two brothers, Joshua and Moses, for the sum of £33 6s. 8d.

The following is a copy of the original lease now on file in the office of the town clerk:—

This Indenture made this First day of January Anno Domini one Thousand seven hundred and sixty seven and in the seventh year of his Majesties Reign.—

Between Daniel Harrington, Yeoman Jesse Rice, & Silas Gates, Gent^l all of Marlborough in the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts bay in New England. Isaac McAllister & Daniel Goodenow both of Monadnick N^o Five in the Province of New Hampshire Yeoman — on the one Part And Benjamin Tucker Gent. Joshua Tucker & Moses Tucker Yeomen all of Monadnick aforesaid on the Other Part. Whereas the Proprietors of the Township of s^d Monadnick No. Five at a Meeting of the s^d Proprietors Legally Assembled on March the sixth day A D. 1765 Chose and Appointed the aforesaid Daniel Harrington, Jesse, Silas, Isaac, & Daniel Goodenough a Committee to Lease and Rent out the south half of Lot No. six lying in s^d Monadnick N^o Five for a Term of Years.

Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Daniel Harrington, Jesse, Silas, Isaac, & Daniel Goodenow In Pursuance of the Power and Authority Given them as aforesaid and In Consideration of the sum of Thirty three Pounds six shillings and eight pence lawful money the province of the Massachusetts bay aforesaid to them in hand Paid by the said Benjamin, Joshua, & Moses Tucker at & before the Ensealing and Delivery of these Presents; Paid for the use & Benefit of the said Proprietors agreeable to the Charter and Proprietors book of Records of the said Township, the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and themselves therewith fully satisfied and Contented and have and do hereby, so Far forth as they are Enabled and Impowered by the said Proprietors Demise, Grant, Let & to Farm, let unto the said Benjamin Tucker, Joshua Tucker, & Moses Tucker and to them and to Each of them and to Each and to Either of their Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns All the South half of Lot N^o Six aforesaid,

Together with all the Commodities Priviledges and Appurtenances whatsoever to the Said Demised Messuage belonging or otherwise Appertaining

To have and To Hold the Said Messuage with all the Priviledges Commodities & Appurtenances thereunto belonging to them the s^d Benj^a, Joshua, & Moses and to their Heirs and Assigns &c For the Space of One Hundred years next cōmeing from and after the date hereof fully to be Completed and Ended: And the said Benj^a, Joshua, & Moses for themselves their Heirs Executors & Administrators and Assigns Do Covenant and Agree to Pay as a Yearly Rent one peny every year and to surrender and Deliver up the Premises to the said Committee or their successors in said Trust or to those that the same shall of Right belong as if this Lease had never been given and that they or their Heirs &c will have No Claim Challenge or Demand to the s^d Premises after the expiration of one hundred Years as aforesaid any more than if they had never been in the Possession thereof and that the s^d Benj^a, Joshua, & Moses their Heirs & Assigns &c. will Pay all Rates Taxes and Duties that shall and may be Levied and Raised on said Premises: They and Every of them well and truly perform all things on their Part as aforesaid shall and may Peaceably Enjoy all the above mentioned Premises without any Let Denial or Molestation from us or the aforesaid Proprietors or any other person or persons under us or them during the long Term of one hundred Years as aforesaid.

In Witness whereof the Parties to these Presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and Year first above Written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered	BENJ ^a TUCKER.	(Seal)
in the Presence of us	JOSHUA TUCKER.	(Seal)
ALPHIEUS WOODS.	MOSES TUCKER.	(Seal)
JACOB FELTON.	DANIEL HARRINGTON.	(Seal)
WILLIAM ADAMS.	JESSE RICE.	(Seal)
	SILAS GATES.	(Seal)
	DANIEL GOODENOW.	(Seal)
	ISAAC McALLESTER.	(Seal)

At the expiration of this term, it was again leased, but this time for only fifty years.

During the first five years after the settlement of the township, the proprietors made no effort to establish a school; yet the children were not wholly neglected. The parents themselves, being people of intelligence, attended personally to their education. Their school-books were few. The spelling-book, Bible, and catechism, with the well-thumbed volumes of the New England Primer and *The Pilgrim's Progress*, were perhaps in most instances their only books. Yet what fountains of knowledge were derived

from these sources! Many a man whose education was begun in this primitive manner, has gone forth to the legislative halls of our country, and there acted well his part.

One of the early settlers who took a deep interest in the education of the youth was James Brewer. Possessing a good education himself, he was anxious that the children should not grow up in ignorance; and, long before schools were established, he would gather the children about him and teach them arithmetic and the art of penmanship.

There is no record of public schools previous to 1770. This year the proprietors voted that William Barker, Isaac McAllister, and Richard Robberts be a committee to expend the interest of the school-lot in schooling the children. During the following winter, several schools were kept in various parts of the town, one of which was in the house of Phineas Farrar, under the direction of William Barker, as committee. Who the teacher was, is not certainly known, but it is supposed to have been James Brewer. Another school was kept in Silas Fife's neighborhood, but in whose house, or by whom taught, we have no information.

No school-houses were built in town until long after this period, so of course the schools—which were of but few weeks in duration—were kept in private rooms, and even these few weeks' schooling could be afforded only once in two or three years.

A vote was passed, April 10, 1777, to divide the town into four equal squadrons for schooling. Jedediah Tayntor, Silas Fife, David Wheeler, and Theodore Mann, were chosen a committee for this purpose. On the 23d of June, this committee submitted the following report, which was accepted:—

Beginning at the Centre Line at the East Side of the town thence running through the town; then Beginning on said Line Between the Sixth and Seventh Lots; thence Running on said Line to Fitzwilliam for the North End Beginning at the South East Corner of Lot N^o. Sixty nine, thence Running Westerly to the North East Corner of Lot N^o 53; thence turning South to the South East Corner of Lot 53, thence Running West to the town Line.

In 1778, the town raised £100 for schooling. This sum was dealt out sparingly, for we see by the report of the treasurer in 1780 that only £25 had at that time been expended. It may at first appear strange that no more attention was paid to the subject of education, but it must be remembered that the war of the Revolution was the subject which principally engrossed the public mind. From 1782 to 1787, small sums were raised at different times for schooling, and probably expended under the direction of the selectmen.

In 1788, a vote was passed "to squadron out the town anew for schooling"; and Oliver Wright, Reuben Ward, Phineas Farrar, Ebenezer Temple, and Moses Tucker, were chosen to make the division. We have no doubt that this committee attended to the duties assigned them, but their report cannot now be found.

On the 15th of December of the same year, the town voted that "Each Squadron should build thereon School-houses as near the Centre as possibly could be convenient."

"Voted that the Selectmen shall appoint the Place to build in case of Disagreement in any Squadron in Town."

"Voted that the Selectmen shall make the Rate for each Squadron."

"Voted that every School House shall be built by the first of December next."

But it would seem that some of the squadrons neglected their duty in this respect; for in a warrant for a town-meeting, four years afterwards, an article was inserted "to see what method the Town will Take with those squadrons that have not provided their school-houses sufficient to keep school in." In relation to this article, the town voted "that the school squadron which Daniel Cutting and others belong to, have until the first Day of may next to finish their School House, and if not Done by that time, the Selectmen are to build their school house and assess them to pay for the same."

In 1789, an effort was made by a few individuals to establish a Grammar School; but, when the town was asked for

money to aid the cause, it met with an unfavorable reception, and nothing further was done in relation to the matter.

During the next five years, the population increased so rapidly by the arrival of new settlers that it was found necessary to redistrict the town, as those on the outskirts could receive but little benefit from the present arrangement.

At a meeting April 21, 1794, the following were chosen a committee for that purpose: Lieut. Oliver Wright, Lieut. Reuben Ward, Deacon Stone, Gideon Newton, Robert Worsley, Hugh Mason, Theophilus Howard, Moses Tucker, and David Wheeler.

This committee divided the town into eight districts, three of which fell within the limits of the present town of Troy; namely, the south, south-east, and south-west districts.

The North-east District was by far the largest in town. Besides the present District No. 1, it contained all of that part of the town which was set off in 1812, as a portion of the new town of Roxbury. The following is a list of those who composed that district in 1794:—

Bartholomew Grimes.	David Wilkinson.
Sylvanus Nye.	Ziba Nason.
William Banks.	Josiah Lewis.
Benjamin Mayo.	Ebenezer Belknap.
William Collins.	Timothy Kimball.
Amos Cummings.	Nathaniel Furber.
Charles Holman.	Joseph Foster.
Oliver Parmenter.	Gideon Newton.
Jacob Phelps.	Daniel Cummings.
John Day.	Timothy Johnson.
Putnam Phelps.	Paul Fifield.
James Gleason.	Asa Brewer.
Enoch Foster.	John Whittaker.
Stephen Foster.	John Tozer.
Jesse Hunting.	Samuel Hemenway.
Israel Richardson.	Joshua Learnard.
Widow Rebecca Lewis.	Isaac McAlister.
Ebenezer Hemenway.	Samuel McAlister.
Daniel Emerson.	David Dufor.
Ebenezer Herrick.	Asa Metcalf.
Jona. Flood Southwick.	Israel Greenlief.

The first school-house in this district was situated a little north of the Walter Capron place, on the east side of the road.

In 1812, when Roxbury was incorporated, no division was made in the district; but all continued to go to the same school until about 1815, when the school-house was destroyed by fire. It was then thought best to divide the district; the Roxbury part building a house near the Guild place; and the Marlborough portion, one of brick on the site of the present school-house. About 1845, this became unfit for use, and the present one was built soon after.

North-west District.—This district comprised all of the present No. 2 and No. 8. In 1794, it contained the following list of voters:—

John Buss.	Benjamin Thatcher.
Phinehas Farrar, Jr.	Stephen Woodward.
Phinehas Farrar, Esq.	Abijah Tucker.
John Farrar.	Abel Woodward.
Jonathan Frost.	Abijah Woodward.
Ebenezer Rhodes.	William Lincoln.
Ebenezer Rhodes, Jr.	Caleb Emerson.
Thomas Page.	Samuel Collins.
John Page.	Timothy Harvey.
Libbeius Page.	John Harvey, Jr.
Kimbear Harvey.	John Wiswall.
Robert Converse.	John Converse.
Daniel Gage.	Samuel Stearns.
Jedediah Tayntor.	Moses Tucker.

When the first school-house was built, it is impossible to state, as we find no records earlier than 1797. The house was situated on lot No. 39, a little west of David Wilkinson's shop, which land was leased to the town for that purpose by Abijah Tucker, under date of 1789. As the school-house was standing on that spot at this date, it is probable that it had been but recently built. This house was a rude structure compared with those of to-day. It was about twenty or twenty-two feet square, rough boarded, but never clapboarded. The walls of the interior were finished

with pine boards. On the west side was a fire-place large enough to admit wood four feet in length. On the other three sides were the seats and benches for the scholars. The seats were very simple in their construction, being hemlock slabs which run the whole length of the room. These were placed the flat side up, and were supported by round sticks for legs.

In rude structures like this, our ancestors obtained the rudiments of an education, little dreaming of the comforts and privileges to be enjoyed by their descendants in these latter days.

Perhaps it will prove interesting to our readers, if we here present them with a copy of the proceedings of the school-meeting of 1797, which is the first we have any record of in this district:—

At a meeting of the North Westerly School Squadron April 5th 1797.
Proceeded as follows,

First Made Choise of John Buss Moderator

2^d Made Choise of Jonathan Frost Clark

3 ^d Chose	Jonathan Frost	} Commity
	Simeon Newton	
	Kimber Harvey	

4th Voted to take one Quarter of the Money for a Woman school the Present Year.

5th Voted that the Woman School Begin the Middle of May Next.

6 Voted that Nabby Converse be Employed to keep the woman school if she can be had.

7th Voted that the Present Commity be a Commity to Recon with the former Clark.

8th Voted that no Child be Permitted to Bring any work to school of any kind.

9th Voted that those People that Send Children to school Shall Procure wood to supply the School.

10th Voted that the commity be Impowered to Imploy a Mistress and hire her Boarded,

11th Voted that this Meeting be Dissolved.

Attest JONATHAN FROST } *Clark*
JOHN BUSS, *Moderator*

The price of board was for many years determined by vendue, the teacher being boarded by the one who would do

it the cheapest; the price sometimes going as low as sixty cents per week. When this was the case, the teacher was sometimes reminded, as she sat at the table, that the sum received was hardly sufficient to pay for her board, and for this reason she must partake sparingly.

The wood was sometimes obtained in the same way, although for a time the custom prevailed that "every man should bring two feet of wood for each scholar that he sent to school," and "that every man should chop his own wood, that he brings to the school-house."

In 1807, the old house having become unfit for use, the district voted to build a new one. The work of building was set up at auction, and struck off to Daniel Gage for the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars, and the old school-house. It was voted that the building should be constructed as follows:—

It is to be twenty-six feet long and twenty-four feet wide nine feet & a half Posts. Six windows twenty-four lights in each 6 by 8 inch Glass, two rows of Gallery seats on three sides of the house with one small seat in the front with an alley in the centre of the seats. And it is to be arched or crowning over head 9 inches. It is to have four feet Entry way; the floor to be laid with two inch plank. The walls of the house to be ceiled as high as the bottom of the windows; with a good brick Chimney laid in lime & is to be two feet & a half on the back of the fire place. And to be plastered over head and the walls down as low as the bottom of the windows. The entry way is to be ceiled and plastered over head; the closet on the opposite side of the chimney is to be ceiled and plastered over head with shelves convenient. The out side of the house to be inclosed with a square roof and well shingled & the body of the house is to be clapboarded & painted with Spanish Brown & trimmed with white lead paint. And to be underpined with split stone & a good door stone also window shutters to each window, with a lock and key on the front door. There is to be a writing desk & the hearth is to be laid with stone.

This house was located on the site of the old one, and when completed was quite comfortable and convenient in its arrangement, as compared with others of that day. Having prepared a suitable place for the instruction of their children, the parents were not unmindful of the spiritual interests of those under their charge; for at a meeting of the district,

October 31, 1807, they voted "that the School Master teach the Schollars the Catechism once a week," also "Voted to have the Bible introduced into the School."

In 1823, the district chose Asa Frost, William Ward, and John Wiswall to visit the schools, at such times as they might think proper, to superintend the prudential affairs of the district, and to advise in the settlement of any difficulties which might arise in the school. From this time until 1839, a committee was chosen annually for this purpose.

As the population of the district increased, the school-room became so crowded that in 1833 it became necessary to divide the winter school; and for the next seven years, or until the building of the new school-house in 1840, the primary department was kept in private houses. As the village continued to grow, the pupils increased to such a number that the school-house was found wholly inadequate to the wants of the district, and in 1840 it voted to build a new house, which was located on land of Simeon Whitcomb, near the Brick Church. This was built at an expense of about seven hundred dollars, and was large and ample in its accommodations.

The old house was sold to Charles C. Hemenway who removed it to Lowellville and converted it into a dwelling, and is the main part of the house now owned and occupied by William Richardson.

In 1850, the district was divided by setting off all that part east of the bridge, near where Warren W. Richardson now resides.

In the summer of 1864, the district received from Rev. William C. Whitcomb a generous present of a bell for their school-house, which from that time to the present has continued to do good service, not only in calling the children from their sports to the halls of learning, but also to ring in the anniversary of our Nation's Declaration of Independence.

In 1872, the number of pupils had so increased that it was found impossible to accommodate them in the overcrowded school-rooms. At the same time, some of the districts on the outskirts of the town had become so depopu-

lated that it was with difficulty they could support a school. By many, it was thought advisable to unite these districts, and form a graded school. The subject was warmly discussed at the annual town-meeting, the result of which was a vote to unite with District No. 2, and build a school-house suitable for the convenience of the schools, and for the accommodation of a town high school, the expense of which was to be equally divided between the town and the district. This would probably have been carried into effect, had they been able to agree on the location for a house; but failing in this, at an adjourned meeting, the town reconsidered their vote, and refused to do anything further in the matter.

The district held several meetings, at which the subject of building a school-house was discussed, but, being very much divided in opinions on the subject, the matter was for a time allowed to rest. At a special meeting called for that purpose, March 31, 1874, the district voted to build, and chose committees for procuring plans and locating the house. After holding several meetings, it was decided to build on land of Elisha O. Woodward. The lot containing three-fourths of an acre was purchased for \$1,500. The house is large, commodious, and furnished with many of the modern improvements. It is 70x36, two stories in height, and surmounted with a cupola and vane. On the first floor are two rooms, one 35x26 feet, the other 35x30 feet, containing forty-eight seats each. These rooms are separated by a hall running the entire width of the building. On the second floor there is one room 35x32 feet, containing fifty-six seats, and one 35x26 feet, which is at present used as an ante-room. It is finished throughout with chestnut, and cost, including grounds, \$8,000. The bell was removed from the old house, and placed upon the new one; and the old building with grounds was disposed of at auction for \$795, and is now the property of the Congregational society, and used by them for a chapel.

CENTRE DISTRICT.

This district comprised all of No. 3, or Depot District,

No. 4, and a part of No. 6. The following citizens were voters there in 1794:—

Richard Roberts.	Jonadab Baker.
Joseph Sweetser.	Walter Capron.
Richard Tozer.	Josiah Woodward.
Silas Raymond.	Elijah Frost.
Phillip Sweetser.	Joseph Wellington.
Hezekiah Hodgkins.	Joseph Wellington, Jr.
Peletiah Cummings.	Francis Barker.
Isaac Cummings.	Thaddeus Parmenter.
Oliver Wright.	Benjamin Frost.
Amos Hodgkins.	John Haven.
Rev. Halloway Fish.	Ebenezer Temple.
Jacob Woodward.	Joseph Follett.
Daniel Woodward.	Luther Newton.
Jonathan Bemis.	Asa Pratt.

The school-house was situated at the corner of the roads, a little south-west of the old meeting-house. In 1808, it was removed to the east side of the Common, near the Pound. This was burned in January, 1827; and for the next two winters the school was kept in the house which was formerly owned by Isaac Cummings being kept by him for a tavern.

During this period, efforts were made to fix upon a location for a school-house. The district was large, and it was a difficult matter to decide upon a spot which would convene all alike, and at last it was decided to build as near the centre of the district as possible, and was accordingly located at the fork of the roads, near where J. Merrill Davis now resides. In 1840, the district was divided: two new districts were made, and a small portion was annexed to No. 6.

District No. 3, or Depot District, was set off from the old Centre District in 1840, in which year the present school-house was built.

District No. 4 was made from the south part of the Centre District in 1840. The school-house is situated near the residence of George Lovering. The number of pupils in this, like other farming districts, is rapidly decreasing; and

where once was a well filled school-room, only six or eight children can now be found.

District No. 5.—This district for a long time bore the name of the “Six Nations.” It derived its name from the fact that within its limits there resided six men, with families so large that they were suggestive of the ancient Israelites. In these six families, there were no less than sixty-four children. In 1794, the district was composed of the following citizens:—

William Tenney.	Benjamin Hazen.
Theophilus Howard.	Alexander Fish.
Kendall Bruce.	Melezur Grant.
Bezaleel Baker.	William Grant.
Jonathan Capron.	Ebenezer Jennings.
David Capron.	Asa Porter.
Daniel Whitney.	Benjamin Whitney.
Widow Flood.	Benjamin Goodenow.
	Benjamin Dole.

The first school-house was located on the opposite side of the road from the present one. This was given up in 1827, and the present house was built. This has been kept in good repair, and is the best school-house in town outside of the village.

The East School Squadron, or District No. 6.—This district in 1794 was composed of eleven families, as follows:—

Henry Hunt.	Seth Harrington.
Thaddeus Hastings.	Francis Hastings.
Luke Newton.	Calvin Stone.
Timothy Bemis.	Shubel Stone.
Jeremiah Bemis.	David Bemis.
	Eliphalet Stone.

The first school-house stood in the pasture north of the house of Samuel Jones. This, like others of that day, was but a rude affair, and at the commencement of the present century had become unfit for use. Consequently, in the year 1800, the school was kept at the house of Timothy Bemis, the same now owned by Samuel Jones. Mr. Bemis received four shillings per week for the use of his house.

This price being considered too dear, the following year the schools were kept at the house of Luke Newton who charged but thirty-three cents per week. The second school-house was built in 1801, and was situated on the north side of the present highway, on the line between the farm of Samuel Jones and the one since owned by Curtis Hunt. This house was 20x24 feet, 10 feet posts, and surmounted with a square roof.

This was very comfortable in its arrangement, and was erected at a cost of about one hundred and sixty dollars. The old school-house was sold to Calvin Stone for \$8.75. In 1840, the farms which are now owned by A. T. Woodward, R. S. Frost, Benjamin Cushing, and the Moses Hunt place, were annexed to this district.

The old school-house being somewhat out of repair, it was decided to build a new one, which is the same now in use; and, unless this district becomes more thickly populated, it will last as long as they will need a school-house, for, where once could be counted sixty children, there are scarcely enough now to make a school.

District No. 7.—This district was known for many years as the “Robert Worsley District.” It was never very large or populous. In 1794, it contained but eight families, and only ten voters, as follows:—

Samuel Sargent.	William White.
David Thurston.	James White.
Benjamin Thurston.	Daniel Ball.
David Thurston, Jr.	William White, Jr.
William Greenwood.	Robert Worsley.

The present school-house was built in 1828. Previous to this, the schools were kept in private dwellings.

District No. 8, or Lowellville District. This was set off from District No. 2 in 1850, and at that time it contained twenty families. The school-house was built in 1850, at a cost of \$390.87.

School-teaching is one of the noblest callings. The true teacher is a benefactor to the race. He makes impressions

and sets in motion influences which are lasting as the mind. With what emotions of pleasure and gratitude do we call to mind the teachers of our youth! Many of them have passed away, but their memory is precious.

Of those who have borne their part toward building up the common schools in this town may be mentioned Benjamin Whitney, Sen., Levi Gates, Sen., and Nathan E. Wild. Mr. Gates had a thorough knowledge of arithmetic, but knew nothing of grammar; while his esteemed friend and neighbor, Mr. Whitney, though good in grammar, knew but little of arithmetic. Mr. Whitney used to wonder how Mr. Gates could get along so well in teaching without a better knowledge of grammar; while Mr. Gates expressed equal surprise at the success of Mr. Whitney who was so lacking in the science of arithmetic.

Col. Cyrus Frost, now more than eighty years of age, began teaching in the winter of 1818-19, and followed it, with greater or less intervals, for more than twenty years. He taught at least twenty-four terms, and was known far and near as a good manager of schools. Twice he was called to finish out schools where others had failed. He says: "I did the best I could. The first school I ever taught was the stillest. I did not flog but little,—some two or three times in the first school I taught, and occasionally since, but a great many without striking a blow. I had one scholar once, that no teacher before me could get along with without flogging. An old teacher (Capt. Whitney) asked me, 'How is it you get along with that boy, for I have heard that you have not flogged him this winter?' I told him that I came to the conclusion that he had been flogged too much, and I thought I would try a different plan, and so I appealed to his manhood." He taught two terms in Newton, Mass., after he was forty years of age. At that time, the Rev. George H. Hepworth, now of New York City, then a lad of ten years, was one of his pupils. He also taught in this town after he was fifty years old.

Capt. Asa Frost, a brother of Cyrus, taught several terms in this and neighboring towns, and is said to have been an excellent teacher.

Luther Wiswall who is now a Congregational minister in Maine, Benjamin Whitney, Jr., and Levi Gates, Jr., taught many terms, and were quite prominent in our common schools. Jonas Whitney, a brother of Benjamin, Jr., was a teacher of considerable note. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College, and taught the higher branches. For a number of years he followed teaching in New York State, and later in St. Louis, where he died some years since. Jairus Collins, Esq., commenced teaching in 1835, and has taught nearly thirty terms. Rev. Sullivan H. McCollester, A.M., is one of our most prominent and successful teachers. He has for several years been President of Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio. Henry Clay, son of Calvin Tenney, has been a prominent teacher of both district and high schools in this and other towns. Rev. Charles E. Houghton, although not a native, was for several years a resident in town, and taught many terms, not only of district but high schools, with good success. He is now a Congregational minister in Auburn, N.H. Joseph C. Mason and Joseph C. Shattuck were both successful teachers, and are at present engaged in the cause of education at the West, the former as Superintendent of Public Schools in Missouri, and the latter as State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Colorado.

Among the female teachers who have been successful in their calling, we may mention Nabby Converse, who taught many terms before the commencement of the present century. She is said to have been self-educated, and possessed a great faculty for teaching small children. She died in 1803. Atossa Frost, daughter of Col. Joseph Frost, and Miss Cynthia Farrar, daughter of Phineas Farrar, Jr., were noted teachers. They both went as teachers and missionaries to Bombay. The former married Rev. Cyrus Stone. Hannah Jones, daughter of Samuel Jones, Sen., was a graduate of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary. She followed teaching for many years, not only in this town, but in Ohio. She afterward married Rev. Moses G. Grosvenor, and died at Troy, Ohio, February, 1875. Ellen Herrick, daughter of Jeremiah Herrick, taught with good success

in various parts of the West. Ellen and Eliza, daughters of Aaron Stone, are both successful teachers. Ellen L. Richardson, now Mrs. Harrington, has taught more than seventy months, and always with good success.

Were it possible, we would like to give the names of all our native and long resident teachers; but so numerous are they that we find ourselves unequal to the task, and have therefore only mentioned some who have become eminent in their calling.

The whole amount of money expended by the town for schooling in the year 1878 was \$1,566.85. This is divided among the several districts as follows, — one-third equally one-third by valuation, and one-third by the number of children attending school the fall and winter previous, calling District No. 2 two districts. The Literary Fund is divided equally, calling No. 2 three districts.

The town has received two small legacies for schools. The first was in 1828, by Abijah Tucker, the interest of which is \$5.01 yearly. The other was in 1863, by Lydia W. Wyman. The interest which is expended annually is \$33.04.

Superintending school committee were first chosen by the town in 1809: that year nine were elected, one from each district. As this committee was composed of some of the most enterprising men, it is to be inferred that they attended to the duties assigned them, although we find no report of their doings.

From the report of the school committee of 1820, we gather the statistics of the winter schools:—

Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Term.
Ruhama Whitney,	18	13 weeks.
Levi Gates, Jr.,	52	8½ “
Luther Wiswall,	27	10 “
George Lane,	37	8 “
Solomon Tarbell,	64	12 “
Augustus Noyes,	81	14 “
Whole No. of scholars.	279	65½ “

This committee reported that they believed the instructors

had been faithful and unwearied in the performance of their duty, and that the pupils were orderly, their progress good and encouraging. As a uniformity of text-books throughout the various schools in town was desirable, the committee recommended Murray's English Grammar, the History of the United States, the American Preceptor, Cumming's Spelling Book, and the Scriptures.

The following is a list of the Superintending School Committee, from 1809 to the present time, with the exception of the years 1812, 1832, 1837, 1838 and 1839. If any were chosen these years, no record was made upon the town books, and we have failed to learn their names:—

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1809.	Dr. Ephraim K. Frost.
Benjamin Whitney.	Asa Frost.
Col. Joseph Frost.	1815.
Abraham Coolidge.	Rev. Halloway Fish.
Capt. Jonathan Frost.	Nathan Wild.
Amos Cummings.	Caleb Perry.
John Parkhurst, Jr.	1816.
Lieut. Jonathan Frost.	Rev. Halloway Fish.
Robert Worsley.	James Farrar.
Shubael Stone.	Levi Gates, Jr.
1810.	1817.
Rev. Halloway Fish.	Rev. Halloway Fish.
Levi Gates.	Dr. Ephraim K. Frost.
Benjamin Whitney.	Benjamin Whitney.
1811.	Asa Frost.
Rev. Halloway Fish.	Amos Cummings, Jr.
Levi Gates.	Nathan Wild.
Caleb Perry.	1818.
1812.	Rev. Halloway Fish.
None recorded.	Amos Cummings, Jr.
1813.	Asa Frost.
Rev. Halloway Fish.	Levi Gates, Jr.
Dr. Ephraim K. Frost.	Nathan Wild.
Asa Frost.	Dr. Ephraim K. Frost.
1814.	1819.
Rev. Halloway Fish.	Rev. Halloway Fish.

- Nathan Wild.
Asa Holman.
Capt. Benjamin Whitney.
Amos Cummings, Jr.
Levi Gates, Jr.
James Farrar.
1820.
Rev. Halloway Fish.
Asa Holman.
Dr. James Batcheller.
1821.
Rev. Halloway Fish.
Dr. James Batcheller.
Levi Gates, Jr.
Asa Frost.
1822.
Rev. Halloway Fish.
Geo. H. Lane.
Thomas Tolman.
1823.
Rev. Halloway Fish.
Cyrus Frost.
Levi Gates, Jr.
1824.
Levi Gates, Jr.
Amos Cummings, Jr.
Asa Frost.
1825.
Asa Frost.
Levi Gates, Jr.
Rev. Salmon Bennet.
1826.
Rev. Salmon Bennet.
Levi Gates, Jr.
Luther Wiswall.
Benjamin Whitney, Jr.
1827.
Rev. Salmon Bennet.
Benjamin Whitney, Jr.
Levi Gates, Jr.
Luther Wiswall.
1828.
Rev. Salmon Bennet.
Dr. James Batcheller.
Benjamin Whitney, Jr.
1829.
Rev. Salmon Bennet.
Dr. James Batcheller.
Benjamin Whitney, Jr.
1830.
Luther Wiswall.
Minot T. Lane.
Sumner Frost.
1831.
Luther Wiswall.
Benjamin Whitney, Jr.
Minot T. Lane.
1832.
None recorded.
1833.
Dr. James Batcheller.
Luther Wiswall.
Rev. Clark Sibley.
1834.
Dr. James Batcheller.
Stillman Buss.
Willard Adams.
1835.
Rev. Moses G. Grosvener.
Dr. James Batcheller.
Stillman Buss.
1836.
Rev. Moses G. Grosvener.
Benjamin Whitney, Jr.
Stillman Buss.
1837.
None recorded.
1838.
None recorded.
1839.
None recorded.

1840.	Jairus Collins.	Jairus Collins.
	Thorley Collester.	Norman Clark.
1841.		1851:
Rev. David P. French.		Rev. Giles Lyman.
Giles Lyman.		Jairus Collins.
Jairus Collins.		Cyrus Piper, Jr.
1842.		1852.
Rev. Giles Lyman.		Rev. Giles Lyman.
Jairus Collins.		Cyrus Piper, Jr.
Stillman Buss.		Rev. Judson Fisher.
1843.		1853.
Rev. Giles Lyman.		Rev. Giles Lyman.
“ Henry M. Danforth.		“ Judson Fisher.
Jairus Collins.		Jairus Collins.
1844.		1854.
Rev. Giles Lyman.		Rev. Giles Lyman.
“ Henry M. Danforth.		“ Judson Fisher.
Dr. James Batcheller.		Jairus Collins.
Jairus Collins.		1855.
1845.		Rev. Giles Lyman.
Rev. Giles Lyman.		Jairus Collins.
1846.		1856.
Rev. Giles Lyman.		Rev. Giles Lyman.
“ Calvin Baker.		Jairus Collins.
Rev. Edwin Davis.		Dr. Samuel A. Richardson.
1847.		1857.
Rev. Giles Lyman.		Rev. Giles Lyman.
Charles F. Holman.		Jairus Collins.
Jairus Collins.		Dr. Samuel A. Richardson.
1848.		1858.
Rev. Giles Lyman.		Henry C. Tenney.
“ Sherburn Dearborn.		1859.
Jairus Collins.		Rev. Solomon Laws.
1849.		Henry C. Tenney.
Rev. Giles Lyman.		Dr. Samuel A. Richardson.
“ Sherburn Dearborn.		1860.
Jairus Collins.		Rev. Solomon Laws.
1850.		Henry C. Tenney.
Rev. Giles Lyman.		Dr. Samuel A. Richardson.

1861.	Jairus Collins.
Rev. Giles Lyman.	Rev. Deming S. Dexter.
Jairus Collins.	1872.
Dr. Samuel A. Richardson.	Jairus Collins.
1862.	Rev. Deming S. Dexter.
Jairus Collins.	“ John L. Merrill.
Dr. Samuel A. Richardson.	1873.
Charles E. Houghton.	Rev. Deming S. Dexter.
1863.	“ John L. Merrill.
Jairus Collins.	Charles E. Houghton.
Charles E. Houghton.	1874.
Charles K. Mason.	Charles E. Houghton.
1864.	Rev. R. T. Sawyer.*
Dr. Samuel J. Martin.	“ John H. Hillman.
1865.	J. Kilburn Southwick.*
Jairus Collins.	1875.
Charles E. Houghton.	Rev. H. W. Hand.
1866.	“ John H. Hillman.
Jairus Collins.	Charles Smith.
Rev. Hiram P. Osgood.	1876.
1867.	Charles Smith.
Rev. Hiram P. Osgood.	Rev. H. W. Hand.
1868.	1877.
Rev. Hiram P. Osgood.	Charles Smith.
1869.	1878.
Dr. Samuel A. Richardson.	Charles K. Mason.
Elisha O. Woodward.	Charles Mason.
1870.	Mrs. Carrie C. Fairbanks.
Charles E. Houghton.	1879.
Elisha O. Woodward.	Charles Mason.
Jairus Collins.	Mrs. Carrie C. Fairbanks.
1871.	Charles K. Mason.
Elisha O. Woodward.	

* Resigned.

CHAPTER IX.

THE REBELLION.

MARLBOROUGH THE FIRST TOWN IN THE COUNTY TO RESPOND TO THE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS. — THREE MEN IN THE FIRST REGIMENT. — LIEUT.-COL. CONVERSE. — FOURTEEN MEN IN THE SECOND REGIMENT. — SIXTH REGIMENT. — THE FOURTEENTH REGIMENT. — THE DRAFT. — AMOUNT OF BOUNTIES PAID. — NATIVES OF MARLBOROUGH WHO ENLISTED FROM OTHER TOWNS.

It would be worse than useless for us, in a volume like this, to attempt to write a chapter on the cause of the Great Rebellion which deluged our country with the blood of many of our bravest and noblest men.

Like the shock of an earthquake, it burst upon our land. The opening scenes are still fresh in our minds: the election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency in 1860, the occupation of Fort Sumter by Maj. Anderson, and the final attack upon it.

If Marlborough did not do as much toward the suppression of the Rebellion as some other towns, it was not for want of fidelity to the Union, but because her territory was smaller, her population less, and her resources not so ample.

When the stars and stripes were ruthlessly assailed on the ramparts of Fort Sumter by traitors, and Abraham Lincoln issued a call for seventy-five thousand volunteers, Marlborough acted promptly and patriotically, being the first town in Cheshire County to respond to that call. Her young men left their farms and work-shops, and went to the field. They fought as bravely, suffered as much in battle, in camp, and hospital, as those from other towns. The

people of Marlborough shared fully in the excitement which spread over the entire North at the news of the surrender of Fort Sumter.

As soon as a recruiting-office was opened at Keene, three young men enlisted into the First New Hampshire Regiment, which was raised for three months. They were honorably discharged with their regiment on the 9th of August following. They were Thomas L. White, James Totten, and John Totten. The first-named is said to have been the first man to enlist from Cheshire County.

Soon after this regiment went to the field, a company was organized at Keene for the Second New Hampshire Regiment, and several of our citizens enlisted, among whom was Levi N. Converse. Young Converse first enlisted as a private in Company A. He was soon promoted to Orderly Sergeant, in which capacity, in the absence of his superior officers, he commanded the company through all the battles of the McClellan Peninsular Campaign, and afterwards became Lieut.-Col. He lost his right arm at Gettysburg; and, at the battle of Chapin's Farm, a minie ball passed through the roof of his mouth, injuring and disfiguring his face. Still he remained with his regiment until mustered out in Concord, at the close of his term of service.

The following from Marlborough were also in the Second Regiment:—

Daniel B. Woodward,	Discharged June 20, 1864.
William H. Tenney,	Discharged for disability, Oct. 8, 1862.
James Newell,	Discharged with his regiment.
Mirrick H. Ross,	Wounded at Williamsburg, Va., May 5, 1862. Discharged Dec. 5, 1862.
Amaziah Sawtelle,	Wounded July 2, 1863, and again June 24, 1864.
John Totten,	Killed at Gettysburg, Pa., July 2, 1863. Grave No 15, Sec. A. N.H. Lot, Gettysburg Cemetery.
Asa M. White,	Discharged July 30, 1862, in consequence of wound received in the battle of Williamsburg.

Rhodolphus I. White,	Died at Camp Beaufort, Md., Dec. 20, 1861.
Lucius F. Hunt,	Discharged for disability. Reënlisted in Co. F., 2d Regiment Sharpshooters.
Amos L. Corey,	Wounded. Discharged for disability Feb. 2, 1863.
Mark True Greenwood,	Discharged Sept. 25, 1861.
Cyrus E. Hardy,	Mustered out Dec. 21, 1865.
Augustus C. White,	Mustered out May 22, 1865.
Milton G. Razey,	Deserted at Warsaw, Va., Sept. 30, 1865.

This regiment participated in more than twenty battles, and lost in action nearly one thousand men. The most sanguinary battles in which it was engaged were the first and second Bull Run, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, and the battles in front of Petersburg. In these engagements alone, the loss in killed, wounded, and missing, was more than eight hundred.

The Sixth Regiment was raised in the autumn of 1861; and Nelson Converse was commissioned its Colonel, October 26, which position he held until the 8th of March, 1862, when he resigned in consequence of ill-health. In this regiment were seventeen men from Marlborough:—

Calvin Stone,	Discharged for disability.
Falis H. Castone,	Mustered out with regiment.
Edward F. Adams,	Promoted to captain Apr. 20, 1864.
William A. Russell,	Discharged for disability.
Thomas L. White,	Promoted to corporal. Transferred to V.R. corps May 1, 1864.
George V. R. Farnum,	Discharged Dec. 26, 1864.
Arculus Vicar,	Reënlisted Dec. 22, 1863.
Charles L. Clark,	Reënlisted Jan. 4, 1864.
Oscar W. Farnum,	Transferred to V.R. corps July 1, 1863.
Charles A. Field,	Discharged for disability.
John H. Priest,	Mustered out Nov. 27, 1864.
Henry A. Atherton,	Discharged for physical disability June 20, 1865.
George H. Smith,	Transferred to Invalid Corps Sept. 30, 1863.

Charles W. Pike,	Killed in 2d Bull Run Battle Aug. , 29, 1862.
Francis M. Farrar,	Discharged for disability at Wash- ington, D.C., Oct. 20, 1862.
Everett F. Gates,	Died at Nicholasville, Ky., Aug. 30, 1863.
George Tilden,	Discharged for disability at Ro- anoke Island, N.C., Feb. 28, 1862.

The Fourteenth, which was the last of the three years' regiments raised in the State, was mustered into service in the autumn of 1862. Cheshire County furnished four companies, and Marlborough was represented by eighteen of her citizens:—

James Totten,	Mustered out with regiment.
Christopher Totten,	“ “ “ “
William Collins,	Promoted to sergeant Jan. 17, 1864.
Enoch Foster,	Corporal. Discharged for disability, at Concord, May 30, 1865.
George H. Stone,	First lieutenant. Wounded Sept. 19, and died Sept. 25, 1864.
George H. Stockwell,	Died at Troy, while at home on a furlough, July 20, 1865.
Alphonso A. Adams,	Discharged at Concord, Oct. 13, 1864.
Perley E. Collins,	Mustered out July 8, 1865.
Delevan C. Richardson,	Wounded Oct. 19, 1864, mustered out July 8, 1865.
Nathaniel P. Rust,	Killed at Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864.
Theodore Pope,	Discharged for disability at Wash- ington, D.C., Oct. 18, 1864.
Sumner L. McCollester,	Wounded Sept. 19, 1864, but served to the close of the war.
William H. Pierce.	Wounded Sept. 19, 1864.
Luke Knowlton, Jr.,	Promoted to corporal Nov. 1, 1864.
Charles A. Mason.	Died at Washington, D.C., Sept. 7, 1863.
Edwin B. Matthews,	Mustered out July 8, 1865.
Ebenezer T. Greenwood.	Promoted to corporal Jan. 24, 1863. Wounded Sept. 19, 1864.
Charles Knowlton,	Died at Poolsville, Md., Jan. 20, 1863.

Melvin H. Collins enlisted in November, 1861, in Company F, Second Regiment, United States Sharpshooters, and was discharged for disability, June 2, 1862. Asa C. Dort enlisted April 29, 1864, and served as Quartermaster Sergeant in Company D, First New Hampshire Cavalry, and was mustered out July 15, 1865.

In September, 1863, there was a general draft throughout the State; and this town was no exception. Fourteen were thus selected and held for service, only one of whom entered the army; namely, Horace O. Lewis who became a member of Company D, Fifth Regiment. He died at Armory Square Hospital, Washington, D.C., in consequence of wounds received at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864. The remaining thirteen paid three hundred dollars each as commutation. Their names were as follows:—

Cyrus S. Moors.	Albert W. Stockwell.
Thomas H. White.	Joel S. Knight.
Charles H. Thurston.	James Brown.
Charles E. Houghton.	John Carr.
Luther G. Bemis.	Lucius F. Hunt.
Fay Forbush.	Henry D. Richardson.
	Henry H. Ward.

The whole number of men furnished by the town, including foreign substitutes, was ninety-eight; and the amount of bounties paid was ten thousand four hundred and twenty-one dollars.

Several of our young men were absent from town at the time the first call was issued for soldiers, and enlisted into the service from the places of their abode. We are unable at this time to give the names of all who thus entered the army, but among them were William M. Clapp, Lucius H. Shattuck, Ora W. Harvey, Levi D. Jones, Alfred M. White, and George H. Woodward.

CHAPTER X.

MILLS AND MANUFACTORIES.

FIRST SAW-MILLS. — TUCKER MILL. — TENNEY MILL. — GRIMES MILL. — HUNTING MILL. — WISWALL MILL. — COLLINS MILL. — OSBORNE MILL. — MASON MILL. — GRIST-MILLS. — FULLING-MILLS. — PAILS. — CLOTHES-PINS AND OTHER WOODEN WARE. — KNOB SCREWS. — BLANKET MILLS. — BREED POND COMPANY. — MACHINISTS. — BLACKSMITHS. — TANNERIES. — SHOEMAKERS. — SADDLERS AND HARNESS-MAKERS. — BROWN EARTHEN WARE. — BRICK. — GRANITE QUARRY.

FOR many years after the settlement of the township, the excellent water power afforded by the numerous streams running through the town was considered of little value, beyond what was used for the sawing of lumber and the grinding of grain. In Chapter II., allusion was made to the first saw-mill built by Daniel Harrington, and the first two grist-mills built by Joseph Collins and Abijah Tucker. Both of these had a saw-mill connected with them, thus rendering it comparatively easy for the settlers to obtain lumber for building purposes. The one built by Joseph Collins was sold by him, in 1771, to his brother-in-law James Lewis, after which we hear no more of this mill, and it probably remained in existence only a few years. Mr. Tucker continued to carry on his mill until the infirmities of age compelled him to give up labor; after which, he let the mill for several years to different parties. His mill-dam was the first obstruction placed across the river; and at that time it was no unusual sight, in the spring of the year, to see shad below the dam, which had run up from the Connecticut River.

About 1826, this mill came into the possession of Charles Holman who for many years carried on an extensive lumber business. In 1837, Mr. Holman erected the stone-mill which he continued to occupy until old age rendered him unfit for labor, and the mill then came into the possession of his sons-in-law, Messrs. Thurston & Wilkinson. They built an addition to the mill and put in machinery for the manufacture of nailed and dovetailed boxes and trunk-cleats.

There was also a saw-mill built at an early date by Benjamin Tucker and his sons a little below the outlet of Meeting-house Pond on the site of the Whitney and Tarbell mill, so called. A native poet of that day, whose rhyming gives evidence of considerable inventive genius, notices this mill in the following verse:—

Tucker's boys built a mill,
Half the time it did stand still,
When it went it made a noise,
Because it was built by Tucker's boys.

The present mill was erected by William. C. Mason and Nathaniel Tottenham in 1840, who intended to saw out chair stock; but, failing in their design, the mill was left in an unfinished state till 1845, when it was purchased by Amos A. Mason and Charles R. Bemis who finished the mill and commenced the manufacture of cane-seat chair-frames. In 1846, Mr. Bemis sold his interest in the business to Mr. Mason who carried it on for several years. After this Mr. Bemis in company with Austin G. Parmenter carried on the same business for twenty years in the mill now owned by Osgood R. Wiswall. Mr. Mason was succeeded by different parties, each of whom remained but a short time; and about the year 1856 it came into the possession of Charles D. Tarbell and Jared I. Whitney who for several years carried on an extensive lumber business in connection with the manufacture of chair-seat frames. In 1866, Mr. Tarbell sold his interest in the mill to Mr. Whitney who continued the business some two or three years, and then sold to Mortimer M. Stowe. The mill is now in the possession of Amos A. Mason, and occupied by Miles Cudworth as a stave-mill.

William Tenney, Sen., built a saw-mill, probably about 1780, on the Baker Brook, about half-way between the bridge and the saw-mill since owned by Miles Cudworth. The latter mill was built by Rufus Brooks some twenty years since. In 1867, he sold it to Francis L. Mason who used it as a saw-mill and also for the manufacture of clothes-pins. After the death of Mr. Mason, Miles Cudworth purchased the mill, and used it for the purpose of getting out pail-staves, until it was burned, Dec. 3, 1877.

There was a saw-mill on the Roaring Brook in Roxbury, which is supposed to have been built by Bart. Grimes. We have no account of the building of this mill; but it must have been previous to 1800. This was afterwards owned by Esq. Holman.

A saw-mill was erected by Jesse Hunting, at the outlet of Cumming's Pond about 1800. It is said, when Mr. Hunting was building this mill, that old Mr. Tayntor (father of Jedediah), passing near the spot on his way through the woods, remarked to Mr. Hunting, "This is an excellent place to build a mill, but where is your water?" This meaning will be readily understood by all who are acquainted with the surroundings.

About 1805, John Wiswall, Sen., built a saw-mill on the river near what is now called the "Day Bridge." This, however, was washed away in a few years, and never rebuilt.

About this time, a mill was erected on the Marlborough Brook, upon the site of the old Harrington mill. This was owned by Jonathan Whipple who probably sold it to Joseph Wellington. When the latter left town, it came into the possession of Capt. John Lane who continued to own and occupy it until the great freshet of 1826, when it was carried away.

Samuel Collins built a mill (probably a saw and grist-mill) at an early date on the site of the lower mill of the Marlborough Manufacturing Company. In 1803, this was owned by Daniel Fisk who converted a part of it into a fulling-mill. In 1807, it was purchased by Ebenezer Hill who did considerable business at dressing cloth. He

remained here eight years, and then sold to John B. Farrar who continued the business for several years, and then sold to Gilman and Nelson Converse who used it as a lumber-mill. They also engaged in the manufacture of powder-kegs. In 1834, the building was destroyed by fire; and some time after, the privilege passed into the hands of Asa Greenwood who erected the main building now standing, and engaged in the lumber business.

Of the mills erected in the south part of the town, now within the limits of Troy, we can say but little beyond the fact that there was a grist-mill built by Phinehas Farrar in 1784, a few rods above the Forestall mills. This was afterwards owned by Daniel Gould. Alexander Parkman also built a fulling-mill in that part of the town about 1778.

Jacob Osborne is believed to have been the first to erect a saw-mill on the privilege now occupied by Levi A. Fuller. As this was a part of the tavern property, it was bought and sold in rapid succession for many years. Mr. Fuller, the present owner, purchased it of his father in November, 1863. In the spring of 1872, this mill was destroyed by fire. Mr. Fuller immediately erected a neat and substantial building, and is at present engaged in the manufacture of bail-boxes, pail-staves, and coarse lumber.

Some years since a mill was erected on the stream, a few rods below the above-mentioned Fuller mill, by Isaac Fuller, and was used for the manufacture of various kinds of wooden-ware. Osgood J. Bemis succeeded Mr. Fuller, and for several years manufactured pail-handles to some extent. In the fall of 1871, he lost the mill by fire, and built the present structure which is now occupied by Levi A. Fuller in connection with his other mill.

In 1837, James Hobert built a saw and stave mill on the Baker Brook, which was the one since owned by Aaron Mason. Hobert carried on the business for a short time, but, not making it profitable, it passed into the hands of Mr. Mason who retained possession of it until the destruction of the dam by the freshet of 1869. The dam was never rebuilt, and the property soon passed into other hands. A part of

the mill was taken down, and the remainder converted into a barn.

Some time previous to 1800, Samuel Collins built a grist-mill at what is now called "Marlborough Glen." This was in use by Mr. Collins and his sons until 1830; at which time, being somewhat out of repair, it was deserted, and the same year Joseph Collins built the mill now owned by Osgood R. Wiswall, which he used as a grist-mill for a few years, and then, selling to George Harvey, removed further down the river, and about the year 1840 commenced to erect the one since owned by the late Barton Blodgett. Before it was completed, Mr. Collins died; and the mill soon after came into the possession of Stillman Buss, under whose skilful management it soon won the name of being the best flouring-mill in Cheshire County, and was extensively patronized, not only by the people of the adjoining towns, but by those from a distance of more than twenty miles around; and so famous did this mill become, that Mr. Buss was obliged during a part of the time to run it night and day. In 1861, Jedediah T. Collins purchased an interest in the mill which was carried on under the firm-name of Buss & Collins. After the death of Mr. Buss, Barton Blodgett bought one-half of the mill, and continued in company with Mr. Collins for several years, when he purchased of Mr. Collins his share and continued to run it until his death. It is now owned by John M. Farnum of Keene.

Eliphalet Stone erected a fulling-mill at the outlet of the Stone Pond on the site of the present saw-mill at an early date. This was probably the first mill for dressing cloth within the limits of this town. Mr. Stone divided his time between the farm and mill for many years, until, meeting with some reverses, he divided his property between his sons, Calvin and Shubael; and Calvin, taking the mill, resumed the business of dressing cloth. He removed the old fulling-mill to the opposite side of the road, and converted it into a dwelling-house for his father; built a saw-mill in place of it, and also a new fulling-mill a few rods below. Calvin Stone, Jr., with his brother Solon,

succeeded their father in the business, and during their occupancy the fulling-mill was burned, and the present building erected. Several different kinds of wooden-ware have been manufactured here by different parties, such as clothes-pins, pail-handles, staves, etc.; but at present little business is done.

Josiah Fisk built the mill now owned by James Townsend in 1813. This was used by him for a fulling-mill. He was succeeded by Calvin Page who carried on the business successfully for several years. He also had a machine for carding wool into rolls for the accommodation of those who could spin. In 1837, James Townsend purchased the mill and commenced the manufacture of woollen yarn, which business he has prosecuted with success to the present time. He also makes hose, knit jackets, sheep's-gray cloth, etc., and his goods are some of the best found in market.

PAILS.

Pails were first made in this town by Robert Carpenter who commenced the business in the mill now owned by Osgood R. Wiswall. The pail-lathe used by Mr. Carpenter was but a rude affair, compared with those in use at present. It would now be considered a slow and tedious job to match the staves by hand, and drive the hoops with a hand-driver; but, thanks to the inventive genius of the *Yankee*, these obstacles have been overcome, and the facilities for manufacturing pails greatly increased. Mr. Carpenter remained here but a short time, and then, in company with Charles Cooledge, commenced pail-making where N. Winch's pail-shop now stands, a building having been erected for that purpose by Calvin Page who then owned the privilege. Jedediah T. Collins and others continued the pail-business at the Collins mill till 1836, when it came into the possession of George Harvey who carried on the business for seven years. During this time, he built the house since owned by Luther Smith. In 1843, he traded the house and mill to his brother James, taking in exchange the farm on

which he now resides. The business was continued by James Harvey some two years; but not being successful, and becoming somewhat involved in debt, the property passed into other hands. Carpenter & Cooledge carried on the business at the Page mill until 1832, when the firm was dissolved; Mr. Carpenter going to Orange, Mass., where he again entered into the pail-business on a more extensive scale. Mr. Cooledge returned to Troy, and set up the same business, which he carried on for several years. Joseph Cummings now hired the Page mill, and manufactured pails until April, 1834, when it was burned. The shop now owned by Nathan Winch was erected by Charles Gilbert and Cyrus Frost who manufactured chairs there for several years. In 1837, Frost sold his share of the mill to George Holman. About this time, they commenced the manufacture of pails. Silas Collester and Simeon Whitcomb soon after purchased an interest in the business, and Mr. Gilbert retired. Mr. Holman soon sold to his partners who continued the business until 1852, when they sold to Nathan Winch who is still the proprietor. In 1837, Asa Bemis built a saw-mill on the south branch, in connection with which the following year he commenced to make pails. He continued in this business until the infirmities of age rendered him unfit for labor, when he sold his business to Amasa Fuller, Jr. who is the present owner. Pails were quite extensively manufactured at the brick mill now owned by the Marlborough Manufacturing Company. This was built in 1835, by G. & N. Converse for a pail factory. It soon passed into the hands of Asa Greenwood. He in a short time sold to Robert Carpenter who in a few years was succeeded by Nelson Howe; and the business was successfully conducted by him until 1859, when it was purchased by George Thatcher, who continued the manufacture of pails till 1866, when he sold to Goodhue Tenney and Charles O. Whitney who in a short time, in connection with others, organized as the Marlborough Manufacturing Company. William Tenney commenced the pail and tub business in this town in 1853 at the lower mill of the Marlborough Man-

ufacturing Company. He previously had had considerable experience in this branch of business, having prosecuted it with success in Swanzey, in Winchendon, Westminster, and Ashburnham, Mass. In 1864, having acquired a competency, he retired from the business, and was succeeded by D. W. & W. M. Tenney who enlarged the factory, and by putting in more machinery increased their facilities for manufacturing both tubs and pails. They also did considerable at the lumber-business. At the time of the decline in wooden-ware in 1870, the Messrs. Tenney sold the mill to the Manufacturing Company who converted it into a woollen mill. In 1868, J. & L. Knowlton commenced pail-making in connection with their clothes-pin business; at first, putting in only one lathe. Afterwards, giving up the manufacture of pins, they from time to time added more pail machinery, until they now have facilities for making from one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand pails annually. In 1870, they erected a saw-mill on the opposite side of the river, which is used mainly for getting out their stock.

CLOTHES-PINS

Were formerly extensively made in this town. The principal manufacturers were G. H. & S. W. Stone who were succeeded by J. & L. Knowlton; and Charles C. Hemenway who sold to W. W. & J. M. Richardson, Levi A. Fuller, and Francis L. Mason. The scarcity of good timber together with the low market value of clothes-pins, long since rendered the business unprofitable, and none have been manufactured in town for several years.

Asa Greenwood built the shop now owned by Luther Hemenway in 1844. This was used for a few years as a clothes-pin and bobbin shop. Samuel Allison afterwards became the owner, and rented it to Leonard Snow who manufactured a variety of toys. He was succeeded in 1852 by Luther Hemenway who has continued the toy-business to a greater or less extent up to the present time.

Charles C. Hemenway in 1845 commenced to make bobbins under the grist-mill of Stillman Buss. In 1848, taking his brother Luther as a partner, he made a change in his business, and commenced making clothes-pins, and subsequently the manufacture of wooden wash-boards. This business he carried on successfully for some eighteen years. In 1852, he dissolved partnership with his brother, and built a small shop adjoining that of Austin G. Parmenter. Here he did a thriving business in various kinds of wooden-ware, such as wash-boards, bobbins, trowel-handles, knobs for wire screens, clothes-pins, etc. In 1859, he built the shop now owned by Richardson & Dexter, where he continued the wooden-ware business until the spring of 1868, when he sold to W. W. & J. M. Richardson who carried on the wash-board and clothes-pin business till the fall of 1878, when J. M. Richardson disposed of his interest to James D. Dexter. Mr. Dexter had previously been engaged in making boxes in a part of the grist-mill of Barton Blodgett: he removed his machinery to the Richardson mill, and at present, in company with Warren W. Richardson, is engaged in that business.

KNOB-SCREWS.

The patent knob-screw is the invention of Mr. Charles H. Thurston who is a natural mechanic. His tastes from a child have always run in this direction: he could never see anything new in the mechanical line without trying to imitate it: and his grandfather Charles Holman and his father, did everything in their power to encourage him, the former by furnishing him with lumber, and the latter providing him with tools. The water-wheels and saw-mills which he and his constant companion, Asa C. Dort, constructed, were not a few, as many can testify who knew them. When twelve years old, his father purchased for him a nice turning-lathe, allowing him to run it as he pleased, and on this he used to earn his own spending money. He afterward learned the blacksmith's trade of his father in the "Old Stone Shop."

For some time during the war he worked at the United States Armory at Springfield, Mass. From that place, he returned to Marlborough, and in company with Solon S. Wilkinson engaged in the manufacture of boxes, trunk-cleats, etc., at the old Holman mill. It was while engaged in this business that he in 1868 took out his first patent for a Double Gimlet Pointed Screw, with a slot in one end for a key, by which the slotted end could be firmly keyed, in whatever article it was placed.

The business of Messrs. Thurston and Wilkinson not proving what they desired, the mill was sold by them to the Monadnock Blanket Company, in 1868. Mr. Thurston remained with the Blanket Company for some time; but not liking the business, nor the confinement, he left with the intention of developing the screw business. But about this time, he made the acquaintance of James H. Fowler, then the successful manager of the Weed Sewing Machine Company's business in Boston, who hired him for three and one-half years as a travelling salesman. He therefore had no opportunity to do anything personally, more than to furnish plans for others with which to build a machine for making his patent screws; but all attempts at constructing such a machine proved a failure, and every one who tried it said the screws could not be made that way. Mr. Thurston, feeling certain they could, obtained leave of absence for two weeks, and with but one man to help him (Mr. C. W. Healey) soon had the satisfaction of seeing his machine turn out perfect screws, and in a way he had been repeatedly told it could not be done. The machine is self-acting, and only requires to have the cutters kept in order, and a forty-foot piece of wire placed in it from time to time, which it rapidly converts into perfect screws.

Mr. Fowler and Mr. Thurston became much attached to each other; and the former, seeing the screws, machines, and other inventions growing out of the original patent, desired to take an interest in them, to which Mr. Thurston finally consented. In the fall of 1873, they bought the building now occupied by Mr. Thurston, and commenced to manu-

facture the screws and also various articles in which they are inserted, such as hat and closet pins, drawer and picture-knobs, door-stops, etc. They carried on the business until October 12, 1877, when Mr. Fowler suddenly died. Since that time, Mr. Thurston has continued it alone.

He is now engaged also in manufacturing the Companion Sewing-machine, which is one of his own invention, and is not only one of the best but is the simplest in the market.

BLANKET MILLS.

The most important branch of industry, and that which has added most to the prosperity and growth of the town, is the manufacture of horse-blankets. In the autumn of 1866, Dr. S. A. Richardson, D. W. Tenney, and C. K. Mason, in connection with Goodhue Tenney and C. O. Whitney (who had recently bought the brick mill, previously owned by George Thatcher), formed a copartnership under the name of the Marlborough Manufacturing Company; and, in the spring of 1867, they made at that mill the first horse-blankets manufactured in town. Mr. Whitney having previously sold his interest to Mr. D. W. Tenney, in January, 1870, W. M. Tenney and J. H. Kimball became associated with the firm which now became an incorporated company. At the same time they purchased the pail factory of D. W. and W. M. Tenney, and converted it into a woollen-mill. In 1877, Rufus S. Frost and others succeeded the original proprietors. The capital stock of the company is at present \$40,000. The number of employees at these two mills is ninety, with an average pay-roll of \$2,200 per month. At the brick mill, they produce yearly 50,000 blankets,* and at the lower one 50,000 yards of beaver, diagonals, etc.

The Monadnock Blanket Company was incorporated in 1868 at which time they purchased the Holman Mill, and commenced the manufacture of horse-blankets. They have a capital stock of \$30,000, employ forty or fifty hands, and

* Since the above was written, the blanket machinery has been removed, and replaced by new for the manufacture of woollen goods.

produce from seventy-five to eighty thousand blankets yearly. The amount of their pay-roll is from thirteen to fifteen hundred dollars per month.

Charles O. Whitney and Warren H. Clark commenced business in 1873, and formed what is now known as the Cheshire Blanket Company. Their place of business is the mill which was erected by Mr. Whitney in 1869, and used by him as a chair-shop, until, in company with Mr. Clark, it was fitted up for the manufacture of blankets. These enterprising men have added to their business from time to time, until they now have an investment of not less than \$20,000, and facilities for producing fifty thousand blankets annually. They have fifty employees, and their pay-roll amounts to \$1,150 per month.

Thus it will be seen that in this little village there are annually manufactured no less than one hundred and seventy-five thousand horse-blankets, giving employment to one hundred and fifty hands.

BREED POND COMPANY.

The facilities for manufacturing in the village have been greatly increased by the Breed Pond Company which was incorporated in 1851. The object was to flow the Breed Pond, so called, in Nelson, in order to form a reservoir. This company consisted of Charles Holman, Stillman Buss, Nelson Howe, Whitcomb & Colleston, James Townsend, F. R. Thurston, George Handy, and Fay & Joslin. These enterprising gentlemen constructed a dam at an expense of about four hundred and fifty dollars, making a pond which covers about six hundred acres.

In the fall of 1861, Stillman Buss and Jedediah T. Collins constructed at their own expense what is now called the "Little Reservoir," near the Marlborough and Harrisville line. This was intended to save what water would otherwise be wasted at night. This came into the possession of the Breed Pond Company in 1864. As manufacturing increased, it was found that these two ponds were

insufficient to supply the demand for water; and another reservoir was built at Bemisville, in the autumn of 1868, which flows about one hundred and fifty acres. The construction of these ponds improved to a great degree the water-power, and has been the prime cause of the rapid growth of the village for the last ten years.

In the autumn of 1877, the water-power was still further improved by building the reservoir at Marlborough Glen. James Knowlton superintended the building of the dam which is one of the largest and best constructed in this section. The whole length of this dam is two hundred and fifty-five feet; length of roll-way, ninety-four feet; extreme height, thirty-five feet; height of roll-way, thirty-two feet. The material used in building was some thirty-five hundred tons of granite and other stone, and fifty-seven thousand feet of lumber, with three thousand pounds of iron; the whole costing about three thousand dollars. The gate being closed at night, this reservoir receives all the water which would otherwise run to waste, and, being opened in the morning, enables the water to reach the mills at an earlier hour than formerly.

The rapid descent of the stream at this point renders it one of the best water-privileges in Cheshire County, and it is surprising to many that this has remained so long unimproved.

MACHINISTS.

Charles Buss commenced as a machinist in this town in 1847. The building, he at first erected, was but a small affair, and poorly adapted to the purpose. In the spring of 1852, his business had so increased that he was compelled to enlarge his shop; but, before this was completed, it was entirely destroyed by fire. Not disheartened, he immediately rebuilt, and enlarged his business, subsequently adding a foundry, thus enabling him to make his own castings, and turn off more work than previously. But soon shop and foundry became too small for his rapidly increas-

ing business. A new foundry was set up; and later he erected a neat and substantial brick building in front of the old shop, which he filled with machinery, and commenced doing business on a larger scale. Here he manufactured nearly all kinds of wooden-ware machinery which merited the highest commendation, and more than once won for the proprietor the proudest distinctions from various exhibitions. His rotary-bed planer and Daniel's planing machines, clothes-pin, tub, and pail machinery, gauge and stretcher lathes, were all marvels of perfection, and always combined the latest improvements. These machines were shipped to all parts of the United States, and to several countries of the Old World. Notwithstanding his hard work and extensive trade, he was not altogether successful in business; and, when the "hard times" came on, he was unable to stem the current that set in against him; and, leaving his property in the hands of his creditors, he removed his machinery and tools to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he is now doing an extensive business.

Christopher Hodgkins commenced the machinist-business in this town in 1854 in the second story of Franklin R. Thurston's blacksmith shop. After continuing here a short time, he removed to Keene, where, in company with John Knowlton, he manufactured the circular vent water-wheel, which was one of his own invention. In 1857, he returned to Marlborough, and soon commenced the manufacture of sewing machines. Mr. Hodgkins is a man of more than ordinary mechanical ingenuity, and was soon able to make many improvements in sewing machines, taking out no less than five different patents. After a few years, he gave up that business and turned his attention to manufacturing various kinds of wood-working-machinery, some of which he has greatly improved. Several years since, he obtained a patent on water-rams: he has built a large number of these which are in successful operation. In the fall of 1878, he purchased the shops formerly owned by Charles Buss, where he is now doing a good business.

BLACKSMITHS.

The first blacksmith in town was probably Jonathan Capron, the first settler on the Whitney place, now owned by J. M. Darling. His sons, Jonathan and Walter, also followed the trade of their father: The former had a shop at the fork of the roads, south-easterly of the present residence of George A. Porter, where he worked for several years, and then removed to Troy.

Walter had a shop a little south-west of the old meeting-house, where he plied his trade for a number of years. Whatever faults Mr. Capron may have possessed, he was evidently a man of his word. At one time he was sorely tried by a prominent citizen who took the liberty to tie his horse in the shop every Sabbath morning without leave. Mr. Capron was so incensed at this that he declared, if the offence was repeated, he would shoe the horse and collect pay for the same. On the following Sabbath, the horse was found in its accustomed place in the shop; and Mr. Capron, good as his word, immediately shod it all round; the noise of his anvil somewhat disturbing the good people who were listening to the ministrations of Rev. Halloway Fish. It is perhaps needless to add that the horse was ever afterwards found tied in the meeting-house sheds by the side of those of his neighbors.

Levi Whitcomb followed blacksmithing for a number of years, his shop standing a few rods from the house now owned by Daniel Wright.

Capt. Luther Hemenway had a blacksmith shop near the present residence of C. H. Caldwell. He afterwards removed to Jaffrey, where for many years he occupied the brick shop in "Blue City," so called.

Ezekiel Cudworth was a good smith, though he would sometimes partake rather too freely of the *spirit* of the times. When he had thus imbibed, he found it rather difficult to "get up a welding heat," and his customers were obliged to go elsewhere for their work. His shop was at the four corners, a little south of the William Tenney place. He removed to Rindge in 1843.

The first blacksmith shop in the village was built by Abijah Tucker, occupying the site of David Wilkinson's garden on Library Square. Joseph Willson worked in this shop for several years, and then removed to the place now owned by James Knowlton, the line between Marlborough and Keene running directly through his house. He had a shop on the site of the Messrs. Knowlton's pail-factory, where he manufactured all kinds of agricultural implements used in those days. Being a man well skilled in his trade and of great mechanical ingenuity, he was able to make many improvements in the articles he manufactured. He was the inventor of the "potatoe hook," which he lived to see come into general use. He was also the first in this vicinity to manufacture the twisted auger and bit, which took the place of the old-fashioned pod-auger; and for these he always found a ready market.

Aaron Lombard succeeded Mr. Willson in the Tucker shop. About 1805, he sold to Paul Newton, and in 1811 purchased the place now owned by Thaddeus Metcalf, and built an iron foundry a few rods below the shop of Charles H. Thurston, which he carried on for several years, when it was burned and never rebuilt. Soon after, Mr. Lombard put up a building with machinery for making shingles, which proved a failure, as the market for sawed shingles did not favor the enterprise.

Mr. Newton added a small foundry to his establishment for casting small articles. He removed to Hadley, Mass., about 1817.

Mr. Ebenezer B. Wallingford succeeded Mr. Newton. He worked here a few years, and then removed to Claremont, and Joseph Cummings occupied the shop. While in his possession in 1823, it was destroyed by fire, but was immediately rebuilt by him: this he also had the misfortune to lose in the same manner some four years afterwards. The next building erected on that spot was of brick, and was occupied by Elijah Fitch, Willard Converse, Ambrose White, and many others, in rapid succession. This old landmark was removed some fifteen years ago, and the materials taken for other purposes.

Franklin R. Thurston built the granite shop on the opposite side of the stream from the Holman Mill in 1840. This was used for a blacksmith shop by Mr. Thurston and others, until 1868, when it was purchased by the Monadnock Blanket Company, and by them converted into a picker-house. It was destroyed by fire in 1875.

A few years since, L. A. Freeman built a shop a little west of the Herrick house. This was afterwards removed by J. Clemens to Mechanic Street, and is still occupied by him. Charles H. Dustin also carries on blacksmithing in a shop which he erected for that purpose back of the Library building.

TANNERIES.

The first tannery was erected by Samuel Collins on the Joslin place. His tan-house was located at the point where Mechanic Street intersects with Main, and the vats were north of this building. The business was subsequently conducted for a few years by William Lincoln. All traces of this yard are now obliterated, and there are but few living who remember the fact that there was ever a tannery in that locality.

In 1808, Eber Tenney, having served an apprenticeship with his cousin Simon Tenney of New Salem, Mass., returned to Marlborough, and built a yard and convenient buildings on his father's farm. Although his capital was small, having only fifty cents in his pocket at the time of his return to this town, yet he was successful. He suspended business about 1837.

Josiah Woodward, in 1818, set up a tan-yard on the farm now owned by Philander Thatcher. In 1825, he removed to the village, built a house on the site of the one now owned by Nathan Winch, and resumed the tanning business there, which he carried on some three or four years. Some of the vats were uncovered a few years since in digging the cellar for the house now owned by Luther S. Lord.

SHOEMAKERS.

In the early history of the town there was no such thing as "sale boot and shoe work"; and the shoemakers were many of them itinerants, going about from house to house, with their kit of tools, sometimes remaining with one family two or three weeks, or long enough to make up a stock of boots and shoes for the year. Thaddeus Parmenter was one who used to ply his trade in this way, when not engaged in cultivating his farm. His yearly visits were always hailed with joy by the younger members of the families; for, possessing a good voice for singing, he was wont to spend his evenings in that way, and when in his prime could sing all night without repeating a single song.

Walter Gates built the little red shop now owned by Mrs. Davis in 1813, and for several years did considerable business at making and repairing boots and shoes. This shop subsequently passed into the hands of Jonah Davis, who occupied it till his death, in 1856. It is now used as a dwelling-house. About 1832, Asahel Collins built the little brick house near the Congregational Church, one part of which he used as a shoemaker's shop. Christopher Tilden erected a shop and carried on this business for several years, commencing about 1842. Gilbert Russell has also worked at this trade more or less for the last twenty-five years, and, being a good workman, can always find employment in this line. Charles Stay commenced business in the Davis shop in August, 1865. Subsequently he built the store and dwelling-house which he now occupies, devoting his time to the making and mending of boots and shoes. He also keeps on hand as good an assortment of shoes as can be found in the market.

SADDLE AND HARNESS MAKERS.

David Wilkinson, Sen., was the pioneer saddle and harness maker of Marlborough, commencing business as early as 1790, devoting his time to this trade when his labors were

not needed upon the farm. We are informed that he was a good workman, and being the only saddler in this vicinity he found a ready market for his goods. He was succeeded by his son, the "Uncle David" of to-day, who has for many years occupied the old shop at the corner, and, though now more than eighty years of age, is still active in his labors, retaining somewhat the vigor of youth, can mend or make a harness as well now as fifty years ago.* His three sons, Warren H., Solon S., and Cyrus K. learned the trade of their father. The two oldest carried on the business in Marlborough for several years. Warren H. is now engaged in the same business on a large scale in Springfield, Mass.; and Solon S. is located in Keene, where he has met with good success. Cyrus K. commenced business in Keene, but afterwards removed to Springfield, where he was in company with Daniel C. Frost for years. He died July, 10, 1867. John W. Bradshaw is also engaged in harness-making. He is at present located in Odd Fellows Block, doing good business.

BROWN EARTHEN WARE.

Nathaniel Furber is said to be the first to manufacture brown earthen ware in this town, but at what date he commenced the business we have not been informed. His shop was on the Herrick farm, now owned by Merrill Mason. The non-intercourse and embargo acts, together with the last war with England, gave such an impulse to the manufacture of this kind of ware, that it soon became a lucrative business, and some eight or ten shops were built in the north-west part of Dublin, and several in the north-east part of Marlborough. William Greenwood commenced the business about 1813 on the farm now owned by Milton White. It was also carried on for several years in the same neighborhood by Eben Russell, on the Abner Russell place, and likewise by Daniel Greenwood on his farm. About 1834, Chauncey Metcalf built a pottery on the hill, a little

* Mr. Wilkinson has died since the above was written.

west of the present residence of Luke Knowlton. In a few years, these buildings came into the possession of Josiah Fitch, who removed them to Lowellville, where the business was continued for a few years by Mr. Fitch and others. The buildings finally came into the hands of James M. L. Parker, who converted them into a dwelling-house which is now owned and occupied by W. A. Russell.

In the spring of 1845, Capt. John Wight erected what has since been known as the "Old Pottery" on the Dublin road. He was succeeded by his son Abner who did a good business there for several years. In the spring of 1866, James A. White purchased the property; he subsequently removed the buildings to the village, and made them into dwelling-houses. No ware of this kind is at present manufactured in town. The declension of this business was caused partly by the low duties and large importation of English whiteware, and partly by the low price of tin, these two having almost entirely driven the brown ware from the market.

BRICK.

Hugh Mason was the first to commence brickmaking within the limits of the town, having started in the business soon after his removal here in 1793. His yard was on the west side of the road, and a little north of the barn of William C. Mason. There being an abundance of clay in the immediate vicinity, well adapted for this purpose, for a few years he manufactured a considerable quantity, which found a ready market in this and neighboring towns. John Wiswall, Sen., made brick for some years in the pasture and mowing now owned by George Holman. David Wilkinson was also engaged in this business for a short time, near the "Old Pottery" on the Dublin road. The bricks for his dwelling-house and the Congregational Church, were made at this place.

THE GRANITE QUARRY.

A little west of the centre of the town is a ledge of fine

and beautiful granite, which, for building purposes, is unequalled by any in the State. This was worked quite extensively for several years by Asa Greenwood who erected all the granite buildings in the village, except the Library, which was built by Jonathan Jones. Mr. Jones purchased the quarry in 1850, and in company with J. T. Collins worked it more or less for eighteen years. Mr. A. G. Mann of Worcester, Mass., the present owner, purchased it in May, 1868, and that year shipped to Worcester from three to four thousand tons, besides what was sent to other places. In 1873, he shipped to Worcester 6005 tons, to Lowell 135 tons, to Boston 360 tons, besides small lots to other places: add to the above figures the amount of wall-stone from the quarry, and it would amount to nearly 10,000 tons during that year.

The most prominent buildings constructed of this granite are the Union Passenger Depot of Worcester, and the Plymouth Congregational Church of Worcester, which is one of the most substantial buildings in the city. The beauty of this granite is that it retains its color the best of any light-colored granite known, and is well adapted for either fine or rough work, and also peculiarly so for block paving and wide flagging, or flat stones.

CHAPTER XI.

TAVERNS AND STORES.

THE FIRST TAVERN. — ANECDOTE. — TAVERNS PREVIOUS TO 1792. — OLD RED TAVERN. — CUMMINGS TAVERN. — SWEETSER TAVERN. — FLOOD TAVERN AND OTHERS. — THE HALF-WAY HOUSE. — MARLBOROUGH HOTEL. — SWEETSER STORE. — ROBERSON'S STORE. — FIFE STORE. — AARON GAGE & Co. — ABNER BOYDEN. — W. & E. BOYDEN. — OTHER STORES OF THE OLDEN TIME. — UNION STORE. — PRESENT TRADERS.

TAVERNS.

ONE of the most important features of a country-town in the olden time was its public houses; and, as the number of inhabitants increased, the number of taverns multiplied, until they became too numerous for the good of the people. The first to open a public house within the limits of Monadnock, No. V., was Benjamin Tucker, being "inholder in said township" as early as 1769. This house is thus described by the late Deacon Abel Baker of Troy. It was situated on the old County road from Keene to Boston, a few rods east of the mill formerly owned by Tarbell & Whitney. It was a little past the top of the hill, where it begins to slope toward the east, and on the north side of the road. It was a low house, perhaps 26x30; and, if there were four rooms in it, two of them must have been very small. No outhouse whatever was connected with it, except a horse-shed of some twenty-five feet in length, that run from the south-west corner of the house toward the road. On the opposite side of the road was a log barn, some

twenty-five feet square. After the death of Mr. Tucker in 1785, his son Moses continued the business until the completion of the turnpike in 1801, which took the travel away from this house. In a few years, the place was deserted; and nothing now remains except the marks of an old cellar and a few decaying apple-trees, to denote that this place was once inhabited by man.

It was here that the proprietors were wont to meet for the transaction of their public business. These meetings must have been a source of considerable revenue to "mine host"; for who would think of deliberating upon the weighty matters brought up at these meetings, without the inevitable rum, brandy, and sugar, which were freely used on all occasions? At one time about 1792, quite a number, among whom were some of the most influential men in town, met at the "Tucker Tavern" for the transaction of some business, but, having imbibed freely of the *ardent*, spent the night in carousing,—acting, said an eye-witness, as though they were "bedeveled." When the morning light began to dawn, they had just *spirit* enough in them to attempt to burn John Rogers—who was one of the party—at the stake. The stake was erected in a pile of green shavings. John was led out, tied to the stake, and the brand of fire applied; but, not being able to make the shavings burn, Rogers was saved, and a calamity providentially prevented, which, had it taken place, must have put the town in mourning.

In 1770, William Barker opened a public house in the south part of the town, within the present limits of Troy. His sign was an upright post, with an arm projecting from the top, upon the end of which was the picture of a heart.

Col. Richard Roberts kept a tavern during the Revolution, which was located in the south part of the town, on the old road leading from the highway near George Porter's to the Simon Butler place. He afterwards followed the same business for several years on the site of the brick house now owned by Rufus S. Frost.

In 1775, Jonathan Frost opened a hotel on the farm now owned by Ansel Nye: this was destined to be of short

duration, as he died the following year, and the place was not afterwards known as a tavern-stand.

In 1792, Phinehas Farrar opened his house to the public, having obtained the following license :—

September 2, 1792.

Phinehas Farrar is Licensed for to keep a tavern for one year from this date.

SILAS FIFE,
OLIVER WRIGHT, } *Selectmen.*

Eighteen days subsequent, these same official dignitaries, with the addition of Phinehas Farrar, who was first selectman, licensed Seth Stone to “Retail Spirituous Lyquors” for one year from date.

About this time (1792), Abijah Woodward built the “Old Red Tavern,” which was for so many years one of the principal objects of interest in our village. He was succeeded in 1798 by David Thurston, Jr., and from this time until 1835 there were no less than sixteen different landlords in this tavern. We present their names, as nearly in the order in which they come as it is possible :—

Samuel Thurston.	Spear & Ballou.
David Beard.	Welcom Ballou.
Charles Deming.	Oren Sales.
Bennoni Shirtliff.	Olney Cook.
Reuben Muzzy.	Zimri Cook.
Elnathan Gorham.	Nathaniel Metcalf.
Alexander Ballou.	Gilman Converse.
Olney Ballou.	Lyman Tenney.

Isaac Cummings opened a public house as early as 1793. This was a two-story house, which formerly stood a little south-west of the old meeting-house, on land since owned by J. Merrill Davis. This was known for many years as “the Cummings Tavern.” Mr. Cummings removed to Winchendon in 1817, and was succeeded by George H. Lane who kept it open to the public until 1822, when he was followed by Samuel Tenney.

In 1793, Joseph Sweetser was licensed to keep a public house at the place since known as the “Sweetser Tavern,” being the same that was occupied by Moses Hunt. In 1799,

he was succeeded by his brother Phillips Sweetser, Esq., who continued the business for many years. This tavern was always well patronized; the ready wit and good management of the "old Squire," who always had the "best of accommodations" making it a very desirable place for the traveller. A large number always congregated about this place on training and muster days. Many ludicrous incidents occurred here at these times, which are well remembered by the older inhabitants. On a certain occasion, when all had partaken freely at the bar, some one in the crowd offered to bet a stipulated sum with Henry Hunt that he could not lead his two-year-old colt up the stairs into the hall. Mr. Hunt who was full of *spirit*, immediately accepted the bet, and led the colt in triumph into the hall. The money was promptly paid but now a difficulty presented itself. The colt, which seemed willing to climb the stairs, utterly refused to descend, much to the discomfiture of its owner who appealed to his neighbors to assist him, but in vain. They were inexorable, until Mr. Hunt, in despair, offered to expend the whole amount of the bet in "toddy" with which to treat the crowd. Whereupon, he immediately received all needed assistance.

In 1794, Jonathan Ball received a license to open a public house which he kept for several years in the south part of the town within the present limits of Troy.

In 1796, two more were added to the number of taverns: Lemuel Foster's, the location of whose house is at present unknown; and Widow Betsey Flood's, which was situated on the farm since known as the Daniel Priest place. At the time her house was opened for the entertainment of travellers, the road went directly by the house, and was the main thoroughfare from Jaffrey to Keene, making it a very desirable location for a tavern. Mrs. Flood was united in marriage to Capt. Benjamin Spaulding of Jaffrey, in 1797, after which the business was continued by her husband until the present highway was completed, when Mr. Spaulding built the house afterwards owned by Asa Hastings, and transferred his hotel business to the latter place, where he with others continued it for many years.

Benjamin Longley commenced keeping tavern in 1797, at the place since owned by Aaron Stone. He was succeeded in 1808 by Elijah Boyden. Christopher Harris was also licensed this year, and kept the house which was formerly owned by Jonathan Ball.

In 1798, John Cummings and Aaron Rider each received a license for keeping tavern; also William Pratt and William Pierce, but where they were located is now unknown.

Simon Piper in 1799 opened a house to the public on the site of the far-famed "Haskell Tavern." In 1804, he was followed by Joseph Haskell, who, in turn, was succeeded by his son Joseph and others of the family.

William Lincoln commenced the business in 1800 where Murry Fitch now lives.

Capt. Rufus Houghton kept a tavern in 1803, probably in the south part of the town. Jacob French was also licensed for this purpose the same year, and doubtless kept in the same quarter of the town.

In 1808, Jeremiah Frost, in company with Capt. Jonathan Frost, opened a public house where Levi A. Fuller now resides. We find in 1818 Joseph Carter "mine host" here, who was succeeded by Jacob Osborn in 1820. He remained here some eight years, and then rented it to his sons, Daniel F. and Leonard Osborn, who kept it four years, when Daniel F. sold his share to Leonard, who continued the business five years, and then let it to John and Oren Black, who were there in 1835. They were followed in quick succession by James Spaulding, Elijah Pierce, and Cyrus Bruce, the latter commencing business here in 1838. Mr. Bruce was followed by Ebenezer Howard who sold to Amasa Fuller.

Justus Perry had a license in 1813 to keep a tavern where Gilman Whitecomb now resides. In 1818, this was kept by Jonathan Dwinnell.

In 1813, we find Silas Newton kept a hotel on the site of the house now owned by Granville Morse.

The same year, Levi W. Porter commenced the business of a hotel-keeper, which he continued for seven years at the house now owned by his son George A. Porter.

In 1826, John Pratt kept tavern for a short time at the old Cummings stand.

Calvin Tenney in 1829 built the famous "Half-Way House," so named from the fact that it was supposed to be just half-way from Keene to Jaffrey, and not half-way to the regions of woe, as was suggested by an aged man whose wit far exceeded his wisdom. This was one of the best locations for a public house, being a noted place of resort for the drivers of the Vermont "Pod Auger" teams, and here during the long winter evenings, regaling themselves with their *toddy* which "Uncle Cal." knew so well how to prepare, they would tell their stories and crack their jokes, much to the amusement of the younger portion of the community, who never failed to put in an appearance on such occasions.

In 1843, Robert Carpenter who then owned the brick mill built the Marlborough Hotel. — Clark was the first landlord, and remained here some three years, when it came into the hands of Asa Maynard. Mr. Maynard kept one of the best public houses in the State, and it was known far and near as a temperance hotel. In 1859, he sold to George Thatcher who continued it as a temperance house for several years.

In 1871, a number of gentlemen formed an association known as the Marlborough Hotel Company, purchased the house, and still own and keep it as a temperance hotel.

The Converse House was opened to the public several years ago by its present proprietor, Col. Nelson Converse.

STORES.

Joseph Sweetser commenced trade in this town about 1792. His goods were kept in a small, low building which formerly stood in the corner of the roads near the house since owned by Moses Hunt. His stock in trade consisted of the usual inventory of a country store of those days, such as codfish, tea, rum, tobacco, sugar, and molasses. Previous to the opening of this store, the settlers were

mainly dependent on the neighboring towns for such necessities of life as could be purchased only at a store. Mr. Sweetser continued in trade but a short time, when he was succeeded by his brother, Phillips Sweetser, Esq., who did a thriving business in his store and tavern for many years.

In the spring of 1794, Jonas Roberson opened a store in the house of Reuben Ward, in the extreme south part of the town, near the Fitzwilliam line. After trading here one year, wishing to locate nearer the centre of business, he removed over the line into Fitzwilliam, and built a store on the site of the one now occupied by Charles W. Whitney in the village of Troy. Mr. Roberson, being an enterprising and honorable man, was not long in winning the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens, and he soon became a man of influence in the community. Possessing a talent for business, he worked up an extensive trade. It was here that the farmers and other citizens of the community were wont to gather on a long winter's evening, and over their mugs of toddy tell stories, and crack their jokes at each other's expense. It is related that upon one occasion, when quite a number had thus congregated, it was determined that the worthy proprietor should treat the company at his own expense. For a time all efforts in that direction failed. Suddenly some one called upon Samuel Wright, a good-natured, fun-loving fellow, to lead in prayer. Wright immediately assumed the attitude of supplication, and, among other petitions, asked the Lord to be pleased "to return to Harrington's mill-pond all the water which Roberson had taken therefrom with which to water his rum"; at the same time putting in the proviso that it might not all come at once, *lest there be a flood*. At this juncture, he was interrupted by Roberson, who declared he would treat; and thus their object was attained. Mr. Roberson remained in trade here until 1806, when he removed to Fitzwilliam village, where he died in August, 1819.

Samuel and Silas Fife, sons of Deacon Silas Fife, built a house some seventy years ago in the south part of the town, near the Jaffrey line, being the same that is now owned by

Mr. Fox. One part of this they fitted up for a store. Not being successful in business, they soon gave up trade, and removed from town.

In 1813, Aaron Gage, Asa Hastings, and ——— Roberts erected the building now used by David Wilkinson as a harness-shop. This they filled with goods, and for about one year traded in partnership. At the expiration of that time, Gage sold his interest to Hastings & Roberts, who continued in trade until about 1820, when they were succeeded by William Ward.

Alexander Ballou traded for a short time in the old Sweetser store. He afterwards removed to Providence, R.I. In May, 1820, Abner Boyden, in company with Dr. James Batcheller, purchased the goods in the Sweetser store, and continued in business until 1825, when Boyden, having bought the stock and trade of William Ward, removed his goods to the Ward store, where he remained in trade until 1837, and was succeeded by his brothers William and Elijah.

Abner Boyden was one of the most influential men of his time. His upright and manly course secured the confidence of his fellow-citizens who ever found in him a prudent and safe counsellor. For many years he was called by them to the responsible and arduous duties of conducting the business of the town, serving thirteen years as Town Clerk, fourteen years as one of the Board of Selectmen, and two years representing the town in the Legislature. It may be safely said that he never neglected or betrayed the trust reposed in him, but was ever faithful to his constituents. To him, perhaps, more than to any other man, our beautiful village owes its origin. Early foreseeing that the superior water-power in this locality would give rise to a village, he in 1825, as has been before stated, removed his goods from the middle of the town to what is now the old harness-shop. He aided in building the large brick house since owned by James Wakefield, Esq., which soon after came entirely into his possession, and through his influence the Congregational church was built upon its present site. His

store became the central point of the town, where the people informally came together for animated talks and the discussion of public and private measures. He died June 4, 1837, greatly lamented by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

William and Elijah Boyden continued business in the old store until 1840, when they built the stone block now owned by Elisha O. Woodward. Here they continued in trade until 1852, when they sold their stock to G. D. Richardson.

John G. Bond fitted up a store, some seventy-five years ago, on the opposite side of the highway from the house now occupied by R. F. Greeley. Timothy Twitchell, a brother of Dr. Amos Twitchell of Keene, traded here for some time about 1804. It was in this building that Justus Perry, afterwards Gen. Perry of Keene, commenced business about 1811. His stock in trade for that year was invoiced at two hundred and fifty dollars. He removed to Keene about 1813.

In 1807, Reuben Ward, Jr., purchased a small stock of goods and commenced trading in a part of the house next south of the common. He died in June, 1808.

The following account was taken from the Day-Book of Reuben Ward, and is not only a fair sample of the accounts of merchants of that day, but serves also to show the cost of the various articles at that time:—

1807.

May 6.	To 15 lb. Iron,	\$1.20
" 12.	" 2 lb. Cotton at 32 cts., . . . . .	.64
" 13.	" 1 oz. Parsnip seed 8 cts., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Tea, . . . . .	.33
" 13.	" 1 Tea pot 23 cts., 1 Cotton ball 25 cts., . . . . .	.48
June 5.	" 1 pt. N. Rum 9 cts., 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Iron,	1.15
" 17.	" 4.6 oz. Fish at 7 cts., . . . . .	.31
" 25.	" 2 Lemons at 7 cts., . . . . .	.14
July 1.	" 1 pt. W.I. Rum, . . . . .	.15
" 13.	" 1 lb. Sugar 17 cts., 1 qt. N. Rum 17 cts., . . . . .	.34
" 13.	" 1 lb. Sugar 17 cts., 2 pt. Boles at 9,—18, . . . . .	.35
" 13.	" 1 Spelling Book, . . . . .	.25
Aug. 8	" 1 pt. Molasses, . . . . .	.09

Aug.	10	"	4.14 oz. Fish at 7 cts.,	\$.34
"	14	"	1 peck Salt 38 cts., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Tea 25 cts., . . . . .	.63
"	25	"	1 lb. Sugar 17 cts., 1 pt. N. Rum 8 cts., . . . . .	.25
"	27	"	$\frac{1}{4}$ yd. Cambrick 23 cts., Thread 2 cts., . . . . .	.25
Sept.	2	"	1 pt. W.I. Rum, . . . . .	.15
"	15	"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds. Toe cloth, . . . . .	.63
"	24	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ peck salt, . . . . .	.19
Oct.	22	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Biscuit, . . . . .	.12
"	24	"	1 pt. Brandy, . . . . .	.17
Nov.	17	"	1 Spelling Book 25 cts., 1 lb. Raisins 16 cts., . . . . .	.41
"	17	"	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Tea 25 cts., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Spice 13 cts., . . . . .	.38
Dec.	23	"	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Tea 25 cts., 1 Whip 13 cts., . . . . .	.38
"	20	"	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Tea 25 cts., 1 Almanac 10 cts., . . . . .	.35
"	20	"	1 Pail, . . . . .	.40

Nathan E. Wild who afterwards occupied that place fitted up the old blacksmith-shop which had been used by Walter Capron and others, and putting in a small stock of goods traded here for several years

Some fifty years ago, James Nason had a store at the north part of the town. This building was near the present residence of Josiah H. Knight. A few years since it was moved across the highway, and now forms a part of the house owned by George F. Wise.

THE PROTECTIVE UNION STORE, DIVISION No. 241, was formed in the spring of 1851 by Dr. James Batcheller, Stillman Buss, and others. Their goods were placed in a part of the grist-mill at Lowellville; and Elisha O. Woodward, a young man from Swanzey, was employed as clerk. In 1853, Mr. Buss erected the building now occupied by N. M. Chase; and the Union Store was removed to that place. Mr. Woodward afterwards purchased the stock in trade of the Union, and remained there about one year. In 1858, he bought out G. D. Richardson at the old Boyden store, and removed his goods to that place, where he has remained to the present time, with the exception of about three years spent in Grafton, Mass., during which time Frank H. Robertson traded in this store.

Soon after the removal of Mr. Woodward from the

Lowellville store, it was opened by Daniel W. Tenney and William M. Nason. At the expiration of one year, Mr. Nason purchased the entire stock, and continued in trade at that place until 1865, when he sold to Wyman Sawyer and George Tilden. He is now associated with E. O. Woodward. Mr. Tilden soon sold his share to J. T. Collins. Subsequently Mr. Sawyer became the sole proprietor; and, on the completion of the Town Hall Building, he in company with George G. Davis removed his goods to that place. Henry A. Spofford traded in the old Union Store building for several years.

There are at present eight stores in the village. George G. Davis is located in the Town Hall Building, and is a dealer in dry goods, groceries, hardware, flour, grain, meal, paints, and oils. C. Hale, meat and provision market, is also located under the Town Hall. Woodward & Nason, dealers in dry goods, carpetings, boots and shoes, gentlemen's furnishing goods, small wares, room paper, etc.; also Miss E. A. Knowlton, dealer in millinery and fancy goods, — in Woodward's Block. H. A. Powers, dealer in drugs, medicines, perfumery, toilet and fancy goods, confectionery, etc., and George K. Harrington, jewelry and variety store, in Odd Fellows Block. Charles Stay, dealer in boots, shoes, rubbers, etc. B. F. Merriam, manufacturer of tin, sheet iron, copper ware, dealer in furnaces, stoves, pumps, lead pipe, zinc, glass, and wooden ware.

CHAPTER XII.

PHYSICIANS.

DR. JUSTUS PERRY.—DR. KENDALL BRUCE.—DR. DAVID CARTER.—
DR. E. K. FROST.—DR. JAMES BATCHELLER.—DR. SAMUEL A.
RICHARDSON.—DR. SAMUEL J. MARTIN.—DR. GEORGE L. HARRING-
TON.

THE first physician to settle within the limits of Marlborough was Dr. Justus Perry. Of the early life of Dr. Perry, but little is known beyond the fact that he was a native of Barre, Mass., and studied medicine with Dr. Stephen Batcheller, Senior, of Royalston. He settled in Marlborough in 1786; and, possessing rare natural and acquired ability, he soon gained the reputation of a skilful physician, and for a few years did an extensive business. Unfortunately, however, he acquired the habit of using ardent spirits, which so increased as to disqualify him for the practice of his profession. In 1796, he removed to the south part of the town, and located in what is now the village of Troy. That his usefulness might not be lost to his fellowmen, an effort was made to reclaim him. He was induced to sign a temperance pledge, and obligated himself to abstain from the use of all intoxicating drinks for one year. This pledge he faithfully kept; but, at the expiration of that time, he relapsed into his former dissipated habits, and, losing his practice, returned the following year to the centre of the town, where he died in 1800.

Dr. Kendall Bruce was a native of Marlborough, Mass. He was in this town as a practising physician as early as

1793. He remained here but a few years, and then removed to Washington, this State, where he continued his profession for several years, then went to Peterborough, and thence to Calais, Vt., where he died Jan. 12, 1832.

Dr. David Carter was the next physician. He was a pupil of the celebrated Dr. Carter of Lancaster, and came to Marlborough soon after the completion of his studies, in 1795. He was contemporary with the late Dr. Amos Twitchell of Keene, and always remained on intimate terms with him. It was in this town, and in company with Dr. Carter, that Dr. Twitchell first commenced the practice of medicine. In his profession, Dr. Carter reached no inconsiderable eminence: his practice extended much into adjacent towns, and somewhat into places more remote. He removed to Peterborough in 1812, and thence to Dublin in 1820, where he died Jan. 9, 1828.

Dr. Carter was succeeded by Dr. Ephraim K. Frost who commenced practice here soon after the removal of the former from town in 1812. Dr. Frost was a native of Jaffrey. His early education was obtained in a school of three months each year; later, from a course in Dartmouth College. He studied medicine with Dr. Carter, paying his way by teaching school. He remained in practice here some six years, and then removed to Swanzey. He afterwards emigrated to Lincoln, Neb., where he died in 1871.

Dr. James Batcheller was born in Royalston, Mass., June 5, 1791. He was the son of Dr. Stephen Batcheller, the first physician of that town, who established himself there in 1768, and continued in practice until his death in 1829, at the age of eighty-three. Dr. James Batcheller spent his youthful days in his native town; attended schools and academies; then taught school two years in Pennsylvania. On his return, he studied his profession with an elder brother, Dr. Stephen Batcheller, Jr., and afterwards attended medical lectures at Dartmouth, and took his degree of M.D. In May, 1818, he came to Marlborough by invitation from Rev. Halloway Fish, and established himself as a practising physician. He was very social, and was generally liked by

the people as a man and physician; was possessed of more than ordinary ability, and was frequently called out of town for consultation. So extensive was his practice, that it required the services of three horses to enable him to visit his numerous patients. As a physician, he ranked high, as is evident from the fact that he was honored for some time with the presidency of the New Hampshire Medical Society.

Dr. Batcheller was widely known as a politician. He was chosen Representative and Senator to the General Court of New Hampshire; was also elected Councillor, and performed the duties of each with honor to himself and benefit to his constituents. He was also a delegate to the Convention to revise the Constitution of New Hampshire in 1850-51. He was no timid advocate of the cause of emancipation of the slave, and this, too, when it required strong nerves to stem the large majorities against him.

At a meeting in Concord, for the purpose of discussing the anti-slavery question, Dr. Batcheller and Gen. Franklin Pierce, afterwards President of the United States, were pitted against each other. So well did the Doctor argue his side of the question, that he convinced his opponent; and, as they came out of the meeting, Pierce slapped him on the shoulder, and said, "Doctor, you are right, but the time has not yet come."

He was also a zealous advocate of the cause of temperance, and was one of the first to proclaim the doctrine of total abstinence.

After a residence of some thirty-seven years in Marlborough, he removed to Fitzwilliam, to be near his sons who had previously established themselves in business there. He obeyed some calls for about a year, when, his health suddenly failing, he gave up practice altogether. From that time, he continued to become more and more feeble in body and mind, and at length helpless as an infant gave up life without a struggle. Although he was not a college graduate, he was well educated. He was quick in motion, rapid in speech, and of untiring energy. He read much, thought much, and continued to gain as well as impart

knowledge. He was a man in the noblest sense of the term, a pleasant companion, true friend, good neighbor; and it may be truly said of him that the world was better for his having lived in it.

The author is indebted to William S. Leonard, M.D., for the following sketch of Dr. Samuel A. Richardson :—

Samuel A. Richardson was born in Dublin, Dec. 23, 1830. He was the youngest of four children, and the only son of Abijah and Mary (Hay) Richardson. His parents were of the old Dublin stock; a little austere in manner, perhaps, as was the fashion of the time, but good types of those sturdy virtues, such as honesty, piety, industry, and thrift, which characterized a former generation in that mountain-town. His early life was spent on his father's farm, assisting in its duties and labor, as was usual with farmers' boys of that period. The common schools of Dublin at that time were equal, if not superior, to any in Cheshire County; and the early education and training of the son were mostly gained in the somewhat famous School District, No. 2, which has produced many young men who have made their mark in the various walks of life. The Rev. Dr. Leonard, who was singularly unerring in his estimates of young men, early marked him as a boy of promise, and one who would some day be heard from in the battle of life. The good doctor was wont in his old age to enumerate the scores of Dublin young men who had fulfilled the promise of their youth and his own prophecy of success, and "Dr. Sam" was always mentioned among the number.

As young Richardson approached manhood, he supplemented his common school education with such higher advantages as could be obtained at the "Hancock Literary and Scientific Institute," an institution quite flourishing in those days, and the "Normal Institute" at Reed's Ferry. Beyond this, we are not aware that he enjoyed the benefit of any special school training before commencing the study of that profession to which he has devoted his life. He early conceived the idea of a medical education, and in the intervals of

farm work bent his mind and studies in this direction. He was obliged to rely almost entirely upon his own resources and earnings; and we find him making the first decided move in this direction by attending a course of medical lectures at Philadelphia in 1852. The following spring (1853) he entered his name as a student in the office of Albert Smith, M.D., LL.D., of Peterborough, at that time among the most eminent professors and medical teachers in the State. He attended a course of medical lectures at the Woodstock (Vt.) Medical College in 1854, and still another course at the Albany (N.Y.) Medical College in 1855. In July, 1855, he located as a physician in Marlborough, taking the place of Dr. James Batcheller. He quickly gained the esteem and confidence of the people and a fair share of the business. Not content, however, with his medical acquirements, in the spring of 1856, Dr. Richardson secured another physician to fill his place temporarily, and attended still another course of lectures at Albany, N.Y., receiving from that college the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He also spent some time as resident physician at the Albany County Almshouse Hospital. The six following years were busy ones to him. Having returned to Marlborough, he entered upon the full tide of a very extensive and successful practice. His skill and good judgment were early recognized, and he was soon called to practise more or less in all the adjoining towns. In addition to the arduous duties of his profession, he identified himself to a considerable extent with the manufacturing interests of the town.

In 1862, when the cloud of civil war darkened our horizon, Dr. Richardson offered his services to his country, and in September of that year was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the Thirteenth Regiment N.H.V., of which Aaron F. Stevens (afterwards General) was colonel, and George B. Twitchell, M.D., of Keene, was surgeon. The following extract from the army report of Col. Stevens to the Governor of New Hampshire, after the battle of Fredericksburg, dated Dec. 13, 1862, will serve to show how soon Surgeon Richardson's sterling qualities were appreciated by

his superior officer. He says: "With particular pride and pleasure, I call your attention to the services of Assistant Surgeon Richardson, who in those dreadful days proved himself an honor to his profession, and an invaluable aid to the army in its hour of suffering.* While I look with shame and horror on the conduct of men, who calling themselves surgeons attached to other regiments, I am proud to say that, from personal observation, I know that for two days and nights after the battle, and at times when the shells of the enemy were falling around him, Dr. Richardson pursued his arduous duties in the Hospital and out of it with a fidelity and ability that has endeared him to me personally, and gained him an enviable distinction among his professional brethren in the army."

In April, 1863, Dr. Richardson was promoted Surgeon of the Thirteenth Regiment N.H.V., *vice* Dr. Twitchell, resigned. June 23, 1863, he was detailed as operating surgeon to assist Col. Rivers, Fourth R.I.V. April 25, 1864, he was appointed Acting Medical Director of the Second Brigade, First Division, Eighteenth Army Corps. Dec. 6, 1864, he was assigned to duty with the Flying Hospital, Twenty-fourth Army Corps, as Chief Operating Surgeon, June 8, 1865, and was appointed surgeon in charge of the same. It is impossible to make any estimate of the extent or magnitude of Dr. Richardson's labors during this fearful period. That must ever be unwritten history; but from the lips of surviving soldiers, old comrades, and the sick and wounded who came under his care, there is but one expression, and that of gratitude and heartfelt thanks for his unselfish devotion to duty, his tender and skilful ministrations to those in his charge, and, more than all, his never-varying good cheer and light heart in the darkest days, which infused new life and hope into the breasts of many a poor sufferer, and rekindled the spark of life almost extinguished.

*Surgeon Twitchell was unavoidably detained at Washington, and did not arrive until the Tuesday after the battle. In the same report, Col. Stevens says, "I sincerely regret his absence at a time when his distinguished abilities would have rendered him so useful to the unfortunate suffering victims of the day's carnage."

We cannot better close this brief epitome of Dr. Richardson's military life than by quoting from a letter recently received from Gen. Aaron F. Stevens of Nashua. Under date of Sept. 9, 1878, Gen. Stevens says: "I desire to reaffirm now whatever you may find in my army reports favorable to Dr. Richardson, or in appreciation of his talents, industry, and professional accomplishments, his kindness of heart, and ever prompt discharge of his duties in camp, field, or hospital. He was a man of superior talent and extraordinary resources, admirably adapted to public professional service, as well by his force of character and power of organization, as from his professional knowledge and accomplishments. Dr. Richardson was separated from my immediate command, early in his term of service, by well deserved promotion, but not until I had learned to appreciate and love him, and to witness personally his strength and fitness in the line of duty.

"We all deplore his misfortunes; and I pray you, my dear sir, to see to it that in Marlborough's History ample justice is meted out to my friend and the friend of the soldier.

"I remain sincerely yours,

"A. F. STEVENS."

Dr. Richardson, in speaking of his army life to an intimate friend, said simply, "It has cost me everything except life and honor."

Dr. Richardson returned to his home in Marlborough at the close of the war, and devoted himself assiduously to his profession for several years; but he brought with him that scourge of a Southern clime, fever and ague, which gradually made inroads upon his health, and, as a sequel to the exposures, privations, and hardships of his army life, caused his professional labors, comparatively unfelt before, to become more and more a burden. In December, 1872, the death of his only child, "the apple of his eye," a beautiful girl, gave him a terrible blow, and threw him into a state of nervous depression from which it was feared he would not rally. When such strong hearts give way to grief and

sorrow, there is not that reaction which comes to lighter natures. In the years that have passed since, there have been many long years of sickness and suffering; but it is our hope and belief that time and rest will accomplish a cure, and that Dr. Richardson will regain in a good measure his old-time elasticity and physical strength, as he retains unimpaired his mental vigor, his happy, genial manner, and personal magnetism.

It remains to speak of Dr. Richardson as a physician, a point that perhaps should have come earlier in this notice. There is quite as much difference in doctors as in men of other callings. People are very quick to find out who the good ones are, while "the poor ye have always with you" in medical practice. Dr. Richardson inclined towards surgery before the war; and his military life, with its splendid opportunities and practice, brought him, on his return, into the front ranks among New Hampshire surgeons. He was ever firm, self-reliant, with nerves of steel, all subservient to excellent judgment and discretion. In the treatment of general diseases, he always has had distinguished success, never a great medicine-giver, but relying much upon the *vis medicatrix naturalis*,—the benign influence of nature in the eradication and cure of diseases. Many times it is the doctor's manner that helps the patient, quite as much as the drugs he carries in his medicine-case. Dr. Richardson always gained the confidence of his patients in the outset, then their esteem and regard. They believed in him thoroughly and completely, and got well oftentimes because he assured them they could not die. The late eminent Prof. Dixie Crosby used to say that a doctor's motto to his patients should be, "O King, live forever." There should be no such word as "fail" written upon his countenance. Dr. Richardson was always jovial, always had a good story to tell, and some amusing anecdote to call the sick man's attention from his own ailments, to get him away from and out of himself, so to speak. There was something positively infectious in his hearty laugh and his words of good cheer. Said one, "I don't know why it is,

but I always feel better after Dr. Richardson has been here, even though he gives me not a drop of medicine." It is true that there is an untold amount of potency in "the hearty laugh that doeth good like a medicine." In those grave and desperate cases, where life and death are equally balanced in the scale, each struggling for the mastery, here, too, Dr. Richardson was equally at home, — watchful, vigilant, ready to meet any emergency, and combat dangerous symptoms at every turn with all the best chosen weapons of his art. Doctors cannot save everybody; and Doctor Holmes has truly said "that the best physicians lose the most patients," for the very reason that to them are intrusted the most critical cases, and patients given over by others go to them as a last resort, in the vain hope of obtaining relief when there is none in this world.

Thus briefly we have recorded our impressions of one of Marlborough's physicians, giving glimpses of his early life, his home practice in the town, and his brilliant record in the service of the United States. It may be said that is written with the partiality of a life-long friendship; but we claim that it only brings out into bolder relief and clearer expression the strong and salient points in a man's character, if this delicate duty is intrusted to an intimate friend. The records of a physician's life must be at the very best imperfect and fragmentary, and the fame of the most noted is often embodied in those brief but impressive words which have the stamp of the Bible upon them, "the beloved physician."

The life of a country doctor, though oft-times hard and dreary, toiling on through summer heat and winter cold, with long cheerless rides upon rough roads, over high hills, and through stony valleys, has nevertheless its bright spots. It is something worth living for to have your name deeply graven upon the hearts of those whose suffering you have alleviated, whose lives you have helped to save; and, more than all, to feel that at all times and in all places, whether at home or upon the battle-field, you have ever done your duty, — so lived, been so disinterested, so forgetful of self, so

humane, tender, generous, and noble, that "the nobleness that lives in other men, sleeping, but never dead, will rise in majesty to meet thine own."

Samuel J. Martin, son of Jefferson and Rhoda (Davis) Martin, was born in Weston, Windham County, Vermont, Sept. 9, 1830. When three years of age, his parents removed to Mount Holly, Rutland County, Vermont, where he received his early education, dividing his time between his studies and farm work. Previous to his seventeenth year, his help was much needed at home; and he consequently had limited advantages for study. At this time, however, he entered Black River Academy at Ludlow, Vermont, and spent two terms each year, during two years; and for the next four years studied at the same place, during one term of each year. His studies during this time were confined to the English branches; but he afterwards spent two terms at Chester Academy, and there pursued the study of Latin, with other higher branches, earning money to defray his expenses by teaching penmanship and day school. After leaving school, he engaged in teaching, and continued it with the exception of one year — when he was in poor health — until his twenty-eighth year.

He early developed a taste for the medical profession, but in his desire to enter it was opposed by his father who preferred that he should become a farmer. Accordingly, at the age of twenty-eight, he yielded to his father's wishes, and purchased a farm with money, a part of which he had earned by teaching. At the end of one year, becoming dissatisfied with farming, he began the study of medicine at home, under the direction of A. E. Horton, M.D., of Mount Holly. One year later, he sold his farm, and gave his entire attention to his studies; and after three years' study, and taking two full courses of lectures, graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of Philadelphia. He began his practice in February, 1863, at Marlborough, and remained there until April, 1866, doing a successful practice; and at that time removed to Walpole, New Hampshire, and there,

in addition to his practice, opened a drug-store with another gentleman who managed the latter business, while he devoted himself chiefly to his profession. At the end of eighteen months, having lost everything, he closed out his interest in the drug-store, and gave himself unremittingly to his studies and practice.

The force of circumstances induced him to investigate the subject of homœopathy; and, at the end of one year's observation and careful thought, he embraced the principles of that school. Not having recovered from his failure in the drug business, and desiring a larger field of action, he removed to the West in 1869. After spending four months looking for a place in which to settle, he established himself at Racine, Wisconsin, where he has since resided, building up an extensive practice, and making for himself a most worthy reputation as a skilful practitioner.

During his residence in Marlborough, he was elected superintendent of public schools. He has filled the office two terms as Vice-President, and one term as President, of the Homœopathic Medical Society of the State of Wisconsin. He is also a member of the American Institute of Homœopathy and the Illinois Homœopathic Medical Association.

Dr Martin has given much attention to self-culture, and by extensive reading and observation, has acquired that knowledge of men and things which, with his excellent conversational powers, renders him a most agreeable and social companion. This is but a brief outline of the life and history of one who, though having many experiences in common with others, has yet given an example of continued effort and will-power that entitle him to an honorable mention in these pages.

Dr. George L. Harrington, son of Leonard B. and Eunice G. Harrington, was born in Winchendon, Mass., Nov. 11, 1844. In his childhood and youth, he was quiet and unassuming, yet always thoughtful, fond of his books, and anxious to gain knowledge. Having made the most possible out of his public school and academic privileges, he became a medical student in the office of Prof. Walter

Carpenter, of Burlington, Vt. Here he enjoyed peculiar advantages under the instruction of a wise and experienced teacher. In due time, he entered the medical department of the Vermont University, and graduated in course M.D.

In the winter of 1872, he settled in Marlborough as a physician. Naturally enough, for the first two years he did not have a great run of practice. However, it became evident to those who early employed him that he was no quack, but one determined to establish himself in the confidence of the people by his works; and so gradually he grew into public favor, all the while extending his professional career. Long since it became extensively known that, if he is not a man of many words, he is a man of second thought, keen discernment, and sound judgment. He never has been known to praise himself, or tell of wonderful cures and almost miraculous deeds wrought by his skill. Perhaps, he has been too reserved and reticent at times for his own good and highest success. In the long run, no doubt, he will lose nothing from such a constitutional habit. The wise Socrates said he never had regretted keeping silence, but had often sorrowed for much speaking. From the fact he is an M.D., it is plain, he does not think he knows it all; for he spends much time among his books, and finds it a necessity to acquaint himself with the latest journals and modern works of his profession. In the sick-room, he is affable, and naturally adapts himself at once to the situation of things. He seems to possess a ready faculty of reading disease, and a willingness, in case he fails of its diagnosis in any particular instance, to acknowledge his lack of comprehending it. Such frankness is a virtue, and most commendable, especially in a physician. So the sick under his charge can scarcely fail of trusting and confiding in him as a medical adviser. In not a few cases, he has proved himself a skilful and cultured physician. Already he has won a good field of practice, and certainly his future is more promising than the present or the past. He has proved himself a useful citizen and a Christian gentleman. With truth it may be said of him that he is a true friend to the sick and a well-wisher to all in health.

CHAPTER XIII.

SKETCHES OF PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS.

CHARLES CUMMINGS.—CYRUS STONE.—OSGOOD HERRICK.—LUTHER WISWALL.—PHILANDER WALLINGFORD.—WILLIAM C. WHITCOMB.—EDWIN DAVIS.—SULLIVAN H. MCCOLLESTER.—JAIRUS B. COLLINS.—JEREMIAH STONE.—TIMOTHY L. LANE.—JOHN Q. A. MCCOLLESTER.—DANIEL B. WOODWARD.—SUMNER A. MASON.—LUTHER FARRAR.—JOSEPH C. MASON.—ANDREW C. STONE.—JOHN W. CONVERSE.—JUSTUS PERRY.—SUMNER WHEELER.—CYRUS WAKEFIELD.—WARREN H. WILKINSON.—RUFUS S. FROST.—WILLIAM H. GREENWOOD—DEACON ABEL BAKER.

REV. CHARLES CUMMINGS, son of Rev. Joseph and Anna Cummings, was born in Seabrook, N.H., Sept. 23, 1777. At the age of two years, his parents removed to Marlborough, where he passed his childhood. He was married in 1798, and settled in Sullivan.

It was about this time, or a little later, that he felt impressed that it was his duty to preach the gospel, as he understood it. He struggled with his convictions for several years, feeling deeply his incompetency for the work, having but a limited education, such as was furnished by the common schools of those early days; but, finding no rest for the body or peace for the mind, his strong convictions of duty prevailed. In 1805, he was licensed to preach by the Baptist board of ministers, and received ordination in 1810 in Sullivan, where he formed a church, and labored for many years, all or a part of the time. He was also instrumental in organizing churches in Keene, Swanzey, Marlborough, Peterborough, Hillsborough, Lyndeborough, and Antrim, and preached more or less in other towns in Sullivan, Hillsborough, and Merrimack Counties.

In 1820, he was called to the Domestic Missionary work. He was truly one of the pioneers in the ministry. A man of great energy and earnestness, not shrinking from any sacrifice for the good of the cause he loved so well and labored so faithfully to sustain, nothing but utter inability could deter him from meeting his appointments, many times travelling until late into the night, and through the scorching heats and drenching rains of summer. He had a strong physical constitution, which enabled him to endure his arduous labors.

The following was copied from the *Christian Watchman and Reflector*, some time after his decease. It is from the pen of Rev. G. Robbins, who officiated at his funeral, being at that time pastor of the Baptist church in Keene. Speaking of his successful labors in the ministry, he says: "He was a man of a kind, conciliatory spirit, humble, prayerful, and zealous in every good work. And he belonged to a class of men that ought never to be forgotten, — that class which performed the labors and endured the privations of the pioneers of our cause in this State." After his death in 1849, the Dublin Association, as an expression of regard to his memory, passed the following: "Resolved, that his faithful and arduous labors in planting new churches in fields before unoccupied, and breasting the force of opposition commonly incident to such a work, claims from us not only a tribute of high respect, but of affectionate and Christian remembrance; and, as life is still spared to us, may a sense of our increased obligations stimulate us to renewed devotion in the service of our divine Master."

He never wrote his sermons; but, in the early years of his ministry, he would select a text of Scripture before going to the field (for at that time he tilled the soil), and while laboring with his hands he mentally studied and wrought out his sermons. He had a strong, sympathetic nature, and possessed the power to move his audience to a remarkable degree. It was no unusual thing to see the congregation moved to tears. The last few years of his life he labored in

Pottersville, and preached up to the last Sabbath but one before his death which occurred in Roxbury, N.H., Dec. 27, 1849, at the age of seventy-two years.

Rev. CYRUS STONE, son of Shubael and Polly (Rogers) Stone, was born in Marlborough, June 9, 1793. He became a professing Christian at nineteen years of age, and remained a farmer up to the age of twenty-four years. His attention being then turned to the condition of the pagan world, he determined, after mature deliberation, to devote himself to the preaching of the gospel among the heathen.

He spent a year and a half at the Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, after which he entered Dartmouth in 1818, graduating in the class of 1822.

Possessed of little means and receiving but slight help from others, he mainly supported himself, both in his preparatory and through his collegiate course, by his own exertions; laboring on the farm in summer, and in winter teaching in Fitzwilliam, Westminster, Vt., and other places.

His influence in college and in places of temporary labor was decidedly felt as a Christian worker. After graduating at Dartmouth, he at once entered "Andover Theological Seminary," graduating thence in the class of 1825.

It being deemed by the American Board desirable that their male missionaries to India at that time should be possessed of some medical knowledge, he spent the autumn of the same year at Hanover, N.H., in attendance on medical lectures. Early in 1826, he continued his medical studies at the Harvard Medical School, spending the year in their prosecution as well as in the performance of a large amount of religious work in Boston and vicinity. During this year, he was united in marriage to Miss Atossa Frost, daughter of Col. Joseph and Zilpha (Roberts) Frost of his native town, and with her sailed from Boston for Bombay in the ship "Emerald" — Capt. Heard — on the 7th of May, 1827, arriving safely in India in September of the same year.

The children of this marriage were two, Elizabeth W. and Atossa F., who, after the death of Mrs. Stone, were sent

to America at a very tender age to be educated; their father remaining to prosecute his work.

In the year 1834, he married Miss Abigail W. Kimball, of Waterford, Maine, who had gone to India, a single lady, to teach in the girls' school, under the auspices of the American Board.

The children by this union were five, two of whom, Mary Sabine and James Farrar, were born in India, and are still living; and three, after their return to this country, of whom only Rev. Cyrus Stone of Minnesota survives.* Of the children by the first marriage, the elder, Elizabeth, died before her father's return; while the younger is still living.

In 1841, after fourteen years' service, he was compelled by the state of his own as well as his wife's health to return to America. He preached for varying times in Bingham, Maine, Harwich, Saugus, and East Bridgwater, Mass., and then located for several years in Melrose, Mass., seven miles from Boston, and engaged in the publication of the "Mother's Assistant" and "Happy Home," monthly magazines of a religious character, and books of a similar kind for families.

His final work, however, was in the ministry. He was instrumental in founding and providing with a permanent house a church in Beechwood, a portion of Cohasset, Mass.; and he was called to be the pastor of the flock he had gathered.

Here he died, on the 19th of July, 1867, of a chronic affection of the liver, aggravated, if not caused, by his residence in India.

Rev. OSGOOD HERRICK,† son of Ebenezer and Lydia (Eaton) Herrick, was born in Marlborough, Nov. 19, 1799. He worked upon his father's farm until the age of fifteen, when he was placed in a store in Keene, where he remained until he was twenty-one, giving entire satisfaction to his employers.

*He was killed by lightning since the above was written.

† This notice is taken mainly from a sketch of his life published, soon after his death, in the "Boston Recorder" of April 28, 1837.

In the year 1818, at a time of great religious declension, Mr. Herrick and two others became the subjects of renewing influences of the Holy Spirit, and in the month of July of the same year united with the Congregational Church of Keene, under the pastoral care of Rev. Z. S. Bastow.

Soon after, he felt an ardent desire to become more extensively useful than he could in the business in which he was engaged. Accordingly, he resolved, as soon as circumstances would allow, to prepare himself for the ministry. In the spring of 1821, he commenced the study of Latin, and in the fall of 1822 was admitted a member of Dartmouth College. As he allowed himself but little time for preparation, he entered college under many disadvantages, and consequently severe study became necessary during his first collegiate year. It was during this year that his constitution was impaired and the foundation of that disease laid which resulted in his death.

In the autumn of 1826, he graduated at Dartmouth College, being regarded as one of the most distinguished of his class. The following year he was engaged in teaching in the State of Virginia. In 1827, he became a member of Andover Theological Seminary, where he remained the usual term of three years.

On leaving the seminary, he received a unanimous call to become the pastor of the Congregational Church in Milbury, and on the 9th of December, 1830, was ordained and installed over that church and society.

Ten days subsequent, he was united in marriage to Miss Emily Wilder of Keene.

Mr. Herrick was a self-made man. By his own perseverance, he overcame difficulties from which most young men would have shrunk. By his industry and economy, he defrayed nearly the whole expense of his education. Diligence and perseverance were among the distinguishing traits in his character. He was never idle. He felt the work of the ministry was too important to admit of indolence, and he felt too great an interest in the salvation of men and the honor of his Divine Master to be discouraged by any difficulties that were surmountable.

Mr. Herrick's talents were more useful than splendid. He excelled rather in clearness of mind than brilliancy of imagination. His views were seldom confused or his conceptions feeble on any subject to which he directed his attention. He was a man of sound practicable wisdom. He formed his opinions on subjects, after taking a comprehensive view of their various bearings, and generally with such precision as not to have occasion to change. He was also a man of firmness of purpose,—did not form any plan of action without careful examination and a conviction of duty; but, when his conclusions were formed, he was not wavering, and only on the presentation of weighty reasons did he desire to change. Cautious to resolve, convinced he was right, he firmly and with all the energies of his soul executed his resolutions.

His mind was well balanced; and his faculties were not only well proportioned, but cultivated in due symmetry. As a preacher of divine truth, Mr. Herrick was clear, instructive, energetic, and expressive. He never aimed, in the solemn work of preaching the gospel, merely to amuse the fancy or gratify a fastidious taste, but to enlighten the mind, arouse the conscience, affect the heart, and save the soul. His manner of delivery was earnest and impressive; his eloquence was that of clear thought, sound argument, and ardent feeling. As a pastor, he was devoted and laborious, ever ready to counsel the afflicted, to instruct the inquirer, to encourage and edify the saints; as a friend, frank, affectionate, and obliging.

In June, 1835, at a Sunday-school convention, immediately after addressing the assembly, he was attacked with a slight hemorrhage of the lungs. A few days after, he had another severe attack, and from that time began gradually to sink. He was, however, able to discharge the duties of a pastor until the last Sabbath in December, 1836, when he preached his farewell sermon. It was a solemn occasion. He felt, and gave his hearers to understand, that he was preaching his last discourse.

At no time during his sickness was he desponding or

gloomy, but always cheerful and happy. He spoke of death as "going home." "To me," he said, "there is nothing gloomy or terrible in death." He manifested the most entire patience and submission. During the whole of his protracted sickness, not a word of complaint escaped his lips. He often said: "I am an astonishment to myself. I did not suppose it possible that I could endure all the pain and languor I have, without a single impatient feeling. But such is the fact. I can truly say that I have not felt even the rising of a single impatient feeling." His countenance was always lighted up with a smile, and, though he shed tears, they were always tears of joy and gratitude. He died at Milbury, Mass., March 16, 1837.

Rev. LUTHER WISWALL was born in Marlborough, Jan. 9, 1801. He was the son of Maj. John and Mary (Tayntor) Wiswall. He early developed a thirst for knowledge, but had only limited educational privileges, having simply the advantages of common schools till he was seventeen years of age, when he began to teach winter schools, and continued to do so for fifteen years. In the mean time, he attended two terms at an academy, and pursued his studies at home as he had opportunity. In 1829, he purchased a small farm, and in 1830 married Miss Sophronia Kendall of Athol, Mass. Six children were born to them, of whom only two survive, a son and daughter.

In 1822, Mr. Wiswall united with the Congregational Church, then under the pastoral care of the Rev. Halloway Fish. He was soon brought into active service in the church, and for several years superintended the Sabbath-school. In studying the Scriptures to qualify himself for the duties of his office, he became interested in study for its own sake, and the thought often arose that he would like to preach the gospel. This thought was not easily repressed. His activity in the church led, much to his surprise, to his election as deacon.

The church in Marlborough was at that time weak, and much disturbed by the coming in of those who preached

another gospel. Others claimed the right to occupy their house of worship a part of the time. A small Unitarian Church was organized, and the Congregational Church was unable to procure preaching that was acceptable. But, after a struggle of more than ten years, they built a small house of worship, and have since seen better days. Mr. Wiswall did much, in those days of trial, to encourage and strengthen the despised band of believers, often bearing a large part of the burden of sustaining public worship. In 1834, while this house was building, he sold his farm and stock, and removed East, and entered the seminary at Bangor. His mind had been turned to the ministry by witnessing the great difficulty of small churches in obtaining ministers, hoping to qualify himself to meet the wants of some needy flock of God.

Mr. Wiswall was graduated at Bangor, Me., in 1836, and was settled as pastor of the church in Brooks and Jackson the following year. Here he labored till 1854, when he removed to Windham, Me., where he has since labored. Though late in entering the ministry, he has preached the gospel more than forty years. Nor has he preached in vain. Several seasons of refreshing were enjoyed by the church in Brooks and Jackson, and large additions made to the church. In Windham also, his labors have been blessed of God. He has uncommon skill in building a church on strong foundations, rooted and grounded in the great truths of the gospel. His own mind clearly apprehends the foundation doctrines of the Christian system; and he has the power of so presenting them as to convince others of their truth.

Mr. Wiswall's intellectual structure is of a marked character. He has great mental acuteness, is profoundly logical and of sound judgment. He is therefore eminently fitted to grapple with sceptical minds, and either convince or confound them. A young man of sceptical proclivities at one time boarded in his family, not at all apprehensive that his confidence in the arguments on which he rested would be shaken. He was well assured of his ability to

defend his position. Not many months of free intercourse with his pastor had passed, before his confidence in infidel sentiments gradually subsided; and it was not long before he gave in his adhesion to the truth and claims of the gospel, and yielded himself as a friend and follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. This young man subsequently, with great honor to himself and benefit to the public, occupied for years a seat on the bench of the Supreme Court of his native State; and for several years he "used the office of a deacon well" in a prominent church. His death was a public loss.

At another time, two young men of public education came under his ministry. They belonged to the liberal school of theology. Their course for a while gave rise to the apprehension that they hoped to liberalize the church, and supplant good, old-fashioned orthodoxy. For a season affairs wore a threatening aspect. But the pastor was not caught napping. By a course of reasoning upon the questions involved, and the wise use of Scripture, the soundness of the church remained intact, and the young men found it convenient to seek other places of residence.

Mr. Wiswall is a sound theologian, and an able defender of the "faith once delivered to the saints." Nor does he belong to that class of preachers who think it unprofitable to preach the doctrines, the great vital truths, of the gospel, — who seem to think they are effete, worn out, and not fitted to this enlightened age. Men of this day are too wise to embrace them, too free and liberal to yield to their authority. But not so with Mr. Wiswall. He regards them as the teachings of infinite wisdom, fitted to the spiritual wants of men of all ages, countries, and climes, and as the power of God unto salvation to all who cordially receive them. Hence he preaches them clearly and conscientiously, as of vital benefit to his hearers. In his hand, they are not stale and commonplace, but racy, and instinct with life and energy.

Socially, Mr. Wiswall is one of the most genial and companionable of men. A quiet wit, guided by strong

common-sense, adds much to the pleasure of social intercourse with him. One needs to know him well to appreciate him. He is a brother beloved in the churches of Maine, having the confidence and respect of all who know him, ministers and churches.

Rev. PHILANDER WALLINGFORD,* son of Ebenezer B. and Mary Wallingford, was born in Marlborough, N.H., June 6, 1812. His childhood was passed like that of other children, blessed, however, with the care of Christian parents, whose counsels and discipline laid the foundation of his future manhood. One incident, however, occurred at school, when he was five years old, that gave pleasure to his mother, and is worthy of notice, as it was the first sermon he ever preached.

It was the custom at intermission for the boys in that school to go down to Deacon Guild's to drink water out of

“The old oaken bucket that hung in the well”;

and one day, while they were thus engaged, one of the little boys swore that it was his turn to drink next. Whereupon little Philander told him it was wicked to swear, and that God would be displeased with him. When the school assembled in the afternoon, the teacher came to him, and presented him with a beautiful little book, upon the fly-leaf of which was written:—

Presented to Philander Wallingford for reproving one of his school-mates for using bad language at intermission.

(Signed)

WILLIAM GUILD.

When he went home, his mother pressed him to her bosom, told him he was a good boy, and that the book was a reward of merit. From that moment he regarded that book of all others the best. Never did he prize one more highly,—not even the Book of books, which, more than twenty years subsequent, the bishop delivered to him, saying, “Take thou authority to read the Holy Scriptures in the church of God,

* This sketch is by Rev. A. K. Howard, formerly pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

and to preach the same." Indeed, it was a primer containing Scripture lessons adapted to the capacity of little children, with pictures to illustrate the same.

In 1827, his parents removed to Claremont. He remained at home until he was twenty-one, laboring with and for his father, thus forming habits of industry and economy, which have been of great service to him through life. He early saw that character was formed by the society in which men move. He therefore chose his companions from the virtuous and upright, shunning the vicious and evil. Thus, through good associations, as he reached his manhood, he was cultured in wisdom and integrity, and was respected by all.

Accustomed to attend public worship with his parents and to join with them in their hymns of praise (leading for some time the choir), he could but see and feel the necessity of "the one thing needful," yet this one thing he lacked.

A change, however, was soon to come over his life. In the summer of 1831, he became more thoughtful, and conversed freely with an intimate friend upon his need of a Saviour. About this time, he decided to attend the select school of Rev. A. Buck, at Chelsea, Vt.

It was a time of religious revival; and the scholars, as well as the citizens, were sharers in its fruits. The favorable time had come. The matter was well considered, and his conclusion was to give his heart to Christ and his life to the service of God. He immediately informed his parents of the happy change, and, when he returned to his friends, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has continued a loyal member.

Having reached his majority, he resolved to improve his education, to fit himself better for some useful calling. His father gave him about one hundred and fifty dollars. This, with what he could add by teaching singing-schools, and other acts of industry, he expended at New Market Academy. When his funds were gone, he asked himself, What shall I do? There was a sensible impression of a call to

the ministry, seconded by the voice of the Church. But, in view of the responsibilities of the ministry and his inability further to prosecute his studies, he turned aside to useful and honorable business, which he pursued with fair success.

Jan. 1, 1838, he married Miss Caroline M. Treadwell, of New Market, N.H., a lady well qualified to share with him the responsibilities of his after life. She has been the light of his home, and her companionship he still enjoys.

Mr. Wallingford was not long to continue in his secular business. God had a higher and better work for him to do, and he very signally and unmistakably called him to it.

In a protracted conversation with a clergyman who was deeply solicitous that he should enter the ministry, and who had come a long distance to converse with him on the subject, and who pressed with great earnestness his entreaties, a pledge was given that, if Providence opened a door that gave unmistakable evidence that it was of God, he would no longer resist.

Very soon after this conversation, he went to Framingham, Mass., to visit a sister, one hundred miles distant. There, on the street, he met Rev. Phineas Crandall, a Presiding Elder in the New England Conference. They were entire strangers. After paying to each other common civilities, Mr. Crandall asked him if he was a preacher. He answered *no*. "Have you not had drawings and callings in that direction?" This question was not directly answered. Following up the subject, Mr. Crandall said: "I think it is a Providence that has brought us together. I have a vacancy in my district, and I want you to fill it." Every objection named on account of inefficiency was laid aside by Mr. Crandall who still urged him to comply with his request; and, in view of the pledge he had so recently made, he yielded to his importunities, and consented to go. It was therefore arranged that at a given time he was to go to Brookfield, Mass., as preacher in charge of that appointment, not having at that time a license to preach.

At the time appointed, he proceeded thither, and was received with great cordiality, the people not dreaming that

their preacher was a layman till the expiration of about three months, when they were informed by their pastor that the quarterly meeting was approaching, and, if he remained with them in his present capacity, it would be necessary for him to have a license to preach, and that it must, according to the laws of the Church, come from them. At said quarterly meeting, he was licensed, and his license signed by Phinehas Crandall, P. E., dated Brookfield, Mass., Sept. 20, 1842. In 1843, he joined the New England Conference. In 1845, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. S. Jones, and was subsequently ordained Elder by Bishop F. A. Morris. All this speaks well of his ability as a preacher, and progress in his theological studies.

He preached in the following places in Massachusetts: Brookfield, Natick, Barre, South Barre, Winchendon, North Brookfield, Shelburne Falls, and Holyoke.

On account of the feebleness of his wife, and a bronchial affection, which for the time impaired his efficiency as a speaker, in 1856 he returned and located at Claremont. He could not, however, be allowed long to remain unemployed. Many doors were opened for him to preach in his located capacity. He was called to supply in New Hampshire the following places: Rochester, Rye, South New Market, Walpole, Cornish, and Goshen; and, in Vermont, North Hartland and Weathersfield Bow. The church he served at the latter place was Congregationalist, where he preached more than two years.

The following report of the Windsor Association of Congregational Ministers, before whom he was examined while holding his pastorate there, will show how he was regarded by that fraternity:—

Report of the Windsor Association upon the case of Rev. P. Wallingford, acting pastor at Weathersfield Bow:

I. We found him a regularly ordained Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

II. A clear and full statement of his religious experience leaves no doubt on our minds that he is a converted man.

III. The statement of his views in entering the ministry makes the impression that he was actuated by an earnest desire for the salvation

of souls; and nothing in his ministry here leads us to think any other motive actuates him now.

IV.- In a protracted examination of him as to his doctrinal views, he seems to us thoroughly sound, and in entire agreement with us on every point except election and perseverance.

V. In respect to worship and ordinances, he declares not only his purpose, but his choice, to conform to the usages of this church, so long as he shall minister to it.

VI. As to his proposed labor, he is to do all the church asks; namely, to preach one sermon each Sabbath, superintend the Sabbath school, and visit as if resident here.

VII. The Association find a very good degree of union and harmony in the church, and no opposition personally to Mr. Wallingford.

VIII. As to the question of applying funds for the support of any but a Congregational minister here, would say, were it to be done in any instance, we cannot conceive of a case in which, so far as any thing appears, it could be safer than in this case.

Signed by vote of the Association,

S. H. COBB, *President.*

N. BISHOP, *Clerk.*

Thus it will appear that he labored with acceptance, not only with his own denomination, but with others, showing that he possessed a true catholic spirit.

His sermons were carefully prepared, and impressively delivered; and, in all the churches he served, he strove to do the work of a preacher and pastor.

Especially was he efficient in aiding churches to build church-edifices and parsonages. His skill as a draughtsman enabled him to plan wisely, and his habits of economy led him to appropriate funds judiciously.

He has been an earnest worker in the temperance cause, seeking in this and in every other way the best good of society.

In the location and establishment of the Claremont Junction Camp Meeting, he has been one of the leaders. The grounds have been laid out under his special direction, and whatever is beautiful and convenient in that regard is due to him. The Association has made him its treasurer, and he carefully looks after its interests.

What he accumulated before entering the ministry he safely invested, the proceeds of which afford him now a competency.

He has made for his wife and himself a pleasant home on Central Street, Claremont, N.H., near the church of his choice. Thus, after his wanderings as an itinerant, he can now sing:—

“ At home again from toil and strife,
Home made for wife and me ;
Where, in the evening of our life,
We may in quiet be.”

Rev. WILLIAM C. WHITCOMB, son of Deacon Simeon and Sally (Lincoln) Whitcomb, was born in Marlborough, Feb. 9, 1820. He was in childhood singularly dutiful to his parents, never requiring discipline to enforce their commands ; and in mature years was ever anxious, according to his means, to promote their welfare. He received from them a religious training, and in 1837 united with the Congregational Church in this town.

He pursued his literary and classical course at the Academies in Jaffrey, Troy, and Ashby. He earned his money to attend them by teaching, always living in the most economical way.

He studied theology at Gilmanton Theological Seminary, completing his course in 1847, at which time he was licensed to preach. He received several calls to settle in New Hampshire, but declined, as he wished to obtain further help for his work by attending the lectures of Prof. Park, in Andover Theological Seminary. He remained at Andover two years as a Licentiate student.

May 1, 1851, he was ordained pastor of the church in Stoneham, Mass. May 1, 1852, he was married to Miss Harriet L. Wheeler, of Concord, Mass. In August, 1855, he was dismissed from the church in Stoneham, after which he labored with the churches in Globe Village (Southbridge), in North Carver, and in Lynnfield Centre, all in Massachusetts.

He received a commission as Chaplain of the United States Hospital at Newbern, N.C., which bears the signatures of Abraham Lincoln and Edward M. Stanton, dated July 5, 1862, which he held to the time of his death. His

labors in Newbern, Portsmouth, and Morehead City, N.C., were very abundant and interesting, and continued two and one-fourth years.

In the summer of 1864, he came home on a furlough of some length. In September, he returned to meet the sad effects of the yellow fever, brought treacherously by the enemy to our soldiers. Soon after his return, he was attacked with malarial fever, and, before he had fully recovered, was taken with acute bronchitis, from the effects of which he died at the hospital in Morehead City, Oct. 29, 1864.

Mr. Whitcomb's character was strongly marked, and he possessed many excellences. He had an untiring activity, always doing with his might what his hands found to do. He was in a remarkable degree frank and outspoken, being incapable of disguise and knowing little of concealment. But for nothing was he more distinguished than for a warm, loving heart. He set a value on friends, and was true in his friendships. That he had a devoted attachment to his family is seen in the fact that, when absent on his chaplaincy, his general practice was to write to them daily. He was a decided Congregationalist, but loved all Christ's disciples of every name; union among Christians being a favorite theme. He cherished an affectionate remembrance of his native town, in evidence of which may be mentioned the gift of a bell for the school-house in the village a short time before his death. He loved the slave and the colored race, and from an early age was ever ready, according to his ability, to aid the cause of emancipation.

From the outbreak of the slaveholders' rebellion, he took a lively interest in the struggle; and that he was able with so much cheerfulness to separate himself from a family he loved so well may be taken as evidence of true patriotism.

Mr. Whitcomb had qualities of mind and heart which could not fail to render him popular and useful as a pastor. Much good, we are assured, was accomplished by his labors in connection with the churches to which he ministered. But his active temperament and habits, his self-forgetfulness

in his zeal to do good, his sympathy with the suffering, his cheerfulness, and readiness with thoughts and words for every occasion, seemed to fit him especially for the labors to which he was devoted, as hospital chaplain; and much was he loved by those who were the objects of his beneficent labors.

Mr. Whitcomb was a pleasant newspaper correspondent. As an author, he published two volumes of original and selected matter in prose and poetry to comfort the bereaved. Although he fell in his prime, still he has left a full and useful life.

EDWIN DAVIS, son of Jonah and Sarah (Wilkinson) Davis, was born May 8, 1821, under favorable circumstances. His ancestry reaches back to the first settlers of New England. His father was a man of mental strength, good judgment, and emulous to do good as he had opportunity. His mother was a woman of remarkable good common-sense and generous feeling. They were both extremely desirous to make the most possible of their only child. So Edwin was fortunately cared for in his early childhood, and at a suitable age was sent to the district school. Being of a genial disposition and full of fun, he was very much of a favorite among his school-mates. He always stood well in his classes. Having mastered to some extent the common branches, he left home at the age of fourteen, to attend Melville Academy in Jaffrey. Now, for several years, he spent most of his time in academies, pursuing the sciences, mathematics, English and classical literature. At the age of seventeen, he taught his first school, in Swanzey, N.H. Though a mere boy, he proved himself able to instruct and govern young men and women who were his seniors. For a number of successive winters, he taught with commendable success. In the winter of 1840, while teaching in Guilford, Vt., he formed an acquaintance with Miss Nancy S. Chase, whom he married July 2, 1845. Previous to this, he became acquainted with Rev. W. N. Barber who was preaching in that town. Up to this time,



Respectfully Yours
Edwin Davis

he had not fully decided what he would do for a life-work. He had thought of studying theology or medicine. But, as he associated with Mr. Barber, his decision was made in favor of divinity, much to the gratification of his parents, and especially his father who thoroughly believed and practised Universalism. After he closed this school, he remained in Guilford, studying for some time theological works under the tuition of Mr. Barber. Here he wrote his first sermons and certain articles for publication. In the last part of 1842, he went to Westmoreland, N.H., to continue his studies under the direction of Rev. C. Woodhouse. He had here a portion of the time, as a companion in his theological studies, Rev. Josiah Marvin. The aid received from Mr. Barber and Mr. Woodhouse has effectually told on his ministry. In his case, at least, it would seem that the adage has proved true,—“As is the teacher, so is the taught.” In the year of his majority, he preached his first sermon at Vernon, Vt. While pursuing his studies, he continued to preach occasionally. At this time, he was slim and tall, with quite a youthful-looking face; and so often, when he would rise in the pulpit among strangers to preach, there would be silent questionings on the part of the older portion of the audience whether that stripling would be able to preach much, but they would usually become satisfied before he had advanced far, that he was equal to the emergency.

He was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry at the annual session of the New Hampshire Convention of Universalists at Winchester, June 19, 1845. His first stated engagement to preach was in his native town, where his labors were crowned with success. In 1845, he removed to Richmond, N.H., where he remained some five years, living in sight of the birthplace of Hosea Ballou, and preaching in the meeting-house in which that gifted one had proclaimed the gospel of glad tidings. In 1850, he changed his location to Hinsdale, N.H., taking charge of the Universalist society there, and preaching some part of the time in West Brattleboro' and Vernon, Vt., in Northfield, Mass., and West Swanzey, N.H. During his settlement here, he

taught several select schools and devoted considerable time to overseeing the public schools. On account of the death of his father, which occurred on the 24th of March, 1856, he went to Marlborough that same year to reside, for the purpose of aiding his bereaved mother and settling his father's estate. By earnest solicitation, he made engagement with the society there for the second time to supply them with preaching for the year.

In the spring of 1857, he settled in Paper-Mill-Village, Alstead, N.H., where he remained four years, having a very successful ministry, still proving himself a most devoted friend to the cause of education.

In 1861, he had a call to settle in Methuen, Mass., which he accepted. He had already spent some twenty years in the ministry, living all the while in his native county. In this new field of labor, he made many warm friends and served well the society as a faithful, religious teacher. After laboring three years in Methuen, he located in West Acton, Mass., where he organized two societies, one in West and the other in South Acton. He faithfully ministered to these societies for seven years, being instrumental in having a good church edifice built in the West Village, and preparing the way for another to be built in the South Village.

During the centenary year of Universalism in America, he was employed by the New Hampshire State Convention to take the lead in raising her quota of money for the Murray fund. In this enterprise, he accomplished all that could rightfully be expected. In December of 1870, he accepted a call, and settled in Canton, Mass., where he has continued for nearly nine years. During this charge, he has been employed a portion of two years by the Massachusetts Universalist Convention as financial agent of that body to raise money, and has been successful in securing more than ten thousand dollars. Few men are better adapted to solicit money for a good cause than Mr. Davis. The people feel at once, as he makes an appeal, that he is strictly honest and believes heartily in his cause.

As a writer, Mr. Davis's style is direct, smooth, and some-

what florid. His sermons are quite methodical, and so illustrated as to render them plain and interesting. His published articles have been full of good thought, clearly and tastefully expressed.

He seldom speaks publicly without special preparation, and so he speaks because he has something to say. In manner, he is affable without the least ostentation or affectation. His voice is expressive of a good head and heart. As a reformer, his trumpet has given no uncertain sound. He has always been a bold advocate of freedom and temperance.

Mr. Davis is very much devoted to his family, consisting of a wife, a daughter, and two sons, one of whom, graduated in 1878 from the Medical School of Boston University, is now a practising physician in Milton, Mass., and the other is in the Senior Class of Tufts College.

Mr. Davis never repels, but draws others toward him, so he is a welcome servant of the Lord at the bridal altar, in the sick-room, or in the place of deepest sorrow.

The subject of this biography is now doing his best work. Though his hair bears the mark of fifty-five winters, still he is well preserved and vigorous. His countenance is fresh, and his eye as dark and vivacious as ever. Marlborough is the better for his being one of her native sons, and the world is better because he is living in it.

SULLIVAN H. MCCOLLESTER, D.D.,* one of the most distinguished of the citizens, was born in Marlborough, Dec. 18, 1826, and has been on the stage of active life for a little more than half a century. He is the son of Silas and Achsah (Holman) McCollester. He is of Scotch descent, his ancestors having come from Scotland. His youth was spent like that of many New England boys, working on a farm and at some mechanical employment. During the winter, he was accustomed to attend the village school. Here he had good privileges; for Marlborough has ever

* Sketch by Rev. John S. Lee, D.D., of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y.

been noted for her good schools. In his fifteenth year, he first attended a select school and afterwards several of the educational institutions near his home: Mt. Cæsar Seminary in Swanzey, Dublin Select School, Winchendon (Mass.) Academy, Jaffrey Academy, and Melrose Seminary, Brattleboro', Vt., where he gained a thorough knowledge of the ordinary English branches, the higher mathematics, the Greek and the Latin languages, and thus was fitted for college. I first met him at Mt. Cæsar Seminary, in the fall term of 1846. He afterwards attended Melrose Seminary when I had charge of it. I remember him as a mild, pleasant, genial, and social companion and scholar; eager for knowledge and interested in all that concerned the school. He was a general favorite among the students. He exerted a good influence in the school, and by his kindness and sympathy, aided the teachers in their arduous and trying labors.

When eighteen years old, he commenced teaching, first engaging in a school at Richmond, and receiving for his services only nine dollars a month. In Walpole, he taught four successive terms, which shows that his services were received with favor. He entered Norwich (Vt.) University in the winter of 1848, and graduated in the summer of 1851, having finished the full classical course. Leaving college with the reputation of a fine scholar, he entered Cambridge Divinity School, and studied there two years with the intention of entering the Christian ministry, when he took charge of Walpole Academy. In the mean time he was married, Nov. 23, 1852, at Dummerston, Vt., to Miss Sophia F. Knight, whom he first met in Melrose Seminary. His wife, a ripe scholar and a successful teacher, aided him in his school. As a woman adorned with genial, social qualities, quick sympathies, and all the graces of the spirit, she has been a most excellent helpmeet to her husband amid the labors and trials of their married life.

In 1853, he took charge of Mt. Cæsar Seminary, where for nearly five years he labored almost incessantly, doing double duty teaching and preaching. He is held in grate-

ful remembrance here for his efforts in behalf of education, morality, and religion. From Swanzey, he removed to Westmoreland, and took charge of the Universalist Society there, and the one also in West Chesterfield. He taught a select school a portion of the time. He was soon elected to the responsible office of School Commissioner for Cheshire County, which he held till 1859. At the meeting of the State Board of Commissioners, he was appointed president. In winter, he visited schools and lectured on education. In spring, he held Teachers' Institutes, and thus made his influence felt extensively among the teachers and the people.

From Westmoreland, he was called to take charge of Westbrook Seminary near Portland in Maine, commencing his labors there in April, 1861. He remained there nearly eight years, and raised the institution into a flourishing condition. His first term of thirty scholars, he was accustomed to say, was the hardest he ever taught. He sought to put the school upon a firm basis of discipline and systematic study; and he finally succeeded in infusing a healthy, moral, and intellectual tone among the students, and awakening a noble ambition in their hearts. The school became very popular, sometimes numbering from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred and forty members. In 1864, he obtained from the State Legislature a charter for a woman's college, the first of the kind belonging to the denomination in New England. From this college, he graduated annually a class of young women who, by their scholarship and moral influence, gave tone and vigor to the society in which they moved. The seminary was noted for the cultivation of the social powers of the students. A common interest united teachers and pupils.

In the summer of 1866, in company with his wife, he visited Europe, and remained there till the spring of 1867. In their travels, they visited Ireland, Scotland, England, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. He was delighted with the varied and sublime scenery of the Alps, and spent several weeks there, breathing the pure air of the mountains in the warm weather, and dwelling on the

shores of the Swiss and Italian lakes during the winter. He stopped a long time also in London, Paris, and Rome, and studied their history, antiquities, and social institutions, and the topography of the surrounding country. He wrote full, frequent, and interesting letters for the *Portland Transcript*, the *Gospel Banner*, and other papers, which were read with eager interest not only by his friends, but also by many who had never before heard his name.

In the spring of 1867, he returned to his school with fresh energy, and his mind invigorated and expanded by what he had observed and studied. He remained in the seminary till July, 1868, when, in company with the writer, taking one of the Montreal and Liverpool steamers at Quebec, and passing around the north of Ireland, he made his second tour of Europe, revisiting the countries which he on his former tour visited, and extending his travels to Egypt, Palestine, Turkey, and Greece. It was a memorable journey, especially the month passed in the Holy Land; and it produced a vivid and lasting impression upon his mind. We went up the Nile, ascended the Pyramids, landed at Jaffa, and spent nearly two weeks in and around Jerusalem, stood before the tombs of the patriarchs, bathed in the Jordan, walked along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, supped and slept in the birthplace and the home of the youthful Jesus, for two days rode along the sandy shores of the Mediterranean, stopping over night in the old, dilapidated cities of Tyre and Sidon. He rode over the Leban mountains, visiting Baalbec and the Cedars of Lebanon. Then we took steamer at Beyrout, and passed among the Greek and Turkish Isles of the Archipelago, spent a Sunday at Smyrna, and thence, alongside the plain of old Troy, through the Dardanelles to Constantinople; thence to Athens, whence we made excursions to Pentelicus and other ports of Greece, to Corinth, Corfu, and Brindisi in Italy. He visited many of the cities where he stopped on his first tour, but spent less time in those, as his chief object was to pass through "the lands of the Bible." The journey was fruitful in results, and his social and professional life was greatly enriched by the offerings he gathered.

On his return in February, 1869, he lectured extensively and his lectures were received everywhere with marked favor. He also wrote letters for some half a dozen papers, descriptive of the lands he visited; and these were read more eagerly even than were those of his first journey.

He remained in the school at Westbrook until the summer of 1869, when he resigned, and in the fall took pastoral charge of the Universalist Church in Nashua, N.H. His pastorate was a success, productive of marked spiritual results. In the fall of 1872, he removed to Akron, Ohio, and entered upon the presidency of Buchtel College, a new literary institution, established chiefly through the labors and generous benefactions of John R. Buchtel of that city. In this honorable and responsible position, he has worked for six years; and with the aid of the benefactors, the patrons, and the members of the faculty, he has put the college upon a firm basis, and given it a name, and made it a power in the State. In addition to his official duties, he has preached and lectured in the principal towns and cities of the State, and thus extended his influence and the influence of the college, and done much in behalf of education and religion. In consideration of his merits as a scholar and his high position as an educator, St. Lawrence University, in June, 1874, gave him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

In their domestic relations, Dr. McColleston and his wife have been called to experience much sorrow. Of five children born to them, only one remains, Lee, now growing up to manhood and fitting to become a blessing to his parents and the world. In his life, Mr. McColleston illustrates the phases that distinguish the genuine New Englander,—energy, patience, faith, industry, and perseverance. While he has not sought honors, he has obtained them. He has aimed to do good, and by faithfully pursuing his object he has been eminently successful in life.

Since the above was written, Mr. McColleston with his wife and son has spent another year in the old country for the purpose of making himself more familiar with men, institutions, and places. During his absence, he wrote for

several different papers; and since his return he has had more calls to lecture on his travels than he could fulfil. He has a remarkably happy faculty in enabling others to see what he saw and feel what he felt.

JAIRUS B. COLLINS, M.D., son of Samuel and Lydia (Matthews) Collins, was born in Marlborough, April 21, 1794. He studied medicine with Dr. Ephraim K. Frost of this town; and at the completion of his studies, in 1822, he removed to Londonderry, Vt., where he was a successful physician up to the time of his death which occurred Feb. 3, 1851.

JEREMIAH STONE, M.D., son of Shubael and Polly (Rogers) Stone, was born in Marlborough, Nov. 2, 1798. He graduated at Dartmouth Medical College, December, 1825. He commenced the practice of medicine in Topsfield, Mass., Jan. 6, 1826, and remained there eleven years. Finding a country practice with its long and tiresome rides, was impairing his health, he removed to New Bedford, and thence to Provincetown, Mass., in 1864, where he remained until his death, with the exception of two years spent in Chatham.

In town affairs, he ever took an active interest, endeavoring to build up the place and render it truly prosperous. Foremost in all good movements, he cordially espoused the cause of anti-slavery in its earliest days, when it was unpopular to be an abolitionist. He was an ardent supporter of temperance, and an earnest worker in the Congregational Church, of which he had been a member since 1814. He was an honorary member of the Massachusetts Medical Society. He was intolerant of quackery in every form, and strict in his views of professional etiquette. Prompt in decision, self-reliant in the emergencies of his profession, he inspired and retained confidence in his skill.

Though often abrupt in his manners, yet beneath was a warm heart that beat in sympathy with the needy and oppressed. Earnest in his convictions, decided in his opin-

ions, and cheerful in his disposition, he carried the elasticity of youth into the last years of his advanced life. Tall and erect, of powerful presence, he inspired with hope the sick who sought his aid.

To a naturally buoyant spirit was added the sustaining power of a strong and earnest religious faith that made belief to him a bright and clear reality. He died April 23, 1875.

TIMOTHY L. LANE, M.D., son of John and Mary (Livingston) Lane, was born in Marlborough, Sept. 1, 1800. He studied medicine with Dr. Batcheller. Attended school first at Groton, Mass., afterwards at Hanover, N.H., where he graduated in medicine in 1824. He located first at Sullivan, in 1825; removed to Lunenburg, Vt., in 1832; remained there until 1834, when he went to Gilsum, N.H., where he lived until 1838; from thence to Daysville, Ill., practised medicine there till 1841, then removed to Fillmore, Ill., and continued the practice of his profession until his death, Sept. 1, 1849, being his forty-ninth birthday.

He was married in 1825 to Roxana Harvey who died Jan. 1, 1849, preceding him just eight months, leaving two children, a son and daughter, both residing in Fillmore, Ill., at the present time.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS MCCOLLESTER, M.D., is the son of Silas and Achsah (Holman) McCollester. He first saw light in the easterly part of Marlborough, near the Roxbury line, May 3, 1831. In March, 1836, the family removed to the village. From the age of four years to that of ten, he attended the district school which was usually kept two terms a year, of eleven weeks each. Intelligent and active in mind and body, at the age of ten years he commenced to work in his father's pail manufactory, and soon exhibited his capability by performing the usual labor of a skilled artisan. His schooling was now limited to the winter term.

In the autumn of 1846, he attended a select school in his own village, taught by two brothers, Ransom N. and Royal

H. Porter, and subsequently received further instruction in the schools and academies in Fitzwilliam, Walpole, Saxton's River, and South Woodstock. He was often associated with his brother, Rev. Sullivan H. McCollester, as an assistant teacher, and it was under his supervision, mainly, that he effected his preparation for college. In the winter of 1848-49, he taught school in the "Fay Hill" district in Walpole, and enjoyed the New England experience of "boarding round." The Doctor frequently alludes to this portion of his life with pleasure. The intelligence, application, and interest of the scholars in their school work, he represents as unequalled in any school with which he has been acquainted. During the two subsequent winters, he taught school in the same district. In 1851, he passed an examination, and was admitted to the class that graduated in 1853 from the Norwich University at Norwich, Vt. In 1856, he received the degree of A.M. from this institution.

After completing his academical course, he entered the office of Dr. James Batcheller of his native town as a student of medicine. He attended one course of medical lectures at the Dartmouth Medical School, and for five months in 1855 he was employed as an assistant in the hospital at Deer Island, Boston Harbor. He went to Philadelphia in October, 1855, attended the course of lectures delivered at the Jefferson Medical College during the winter of 1855-56, and received the degree of M.D. from this institution in March, 1856.

Industrious and apt as a student, he received high markings in all his studies, but preferred mathematics and the exact sciences to literary and classical branches. He has often remarked that the great latitude, uncertainty, and want of precision in the meaning and use of words in literature and the classics have rendered them less congenial to his taste than the study of the sciences.

In May, 1856, he married Miss Sarah E. Hazen of Shirley, Mass., and during the same month settled in South Deerfield. During his short stay in this place, he gained the confidence of the people; but, concluding that the field was



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too contracted, in November of the same year he moved to the village of Groton Junction, now known as Ayer. On the 28th of August, 1857, his daughter Anna was born, and on the 5th of May, 1858, his happy home was made desolate by the death of his wife. Aug. 9, 1859, occurred his marriage to Georgianna L. Hunt, who has borne him six children, three of whom now survive.

In May, 1862, he volunteered his services as a medical officer, and was employed as a surgeon in the field and in hospital, during and subsequent to the disastrous campaign of McClellan on the Peninsula. In November, 1862, he was commissioned surgeon of the Fifty-third Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, and was on duty with the regiment during its active service in Louisiana.

He was mustered out at the expiration of the term of service of the regiment, Sept. 2, 1863. As a medical officer, he gained the confidence of his superiors in rank, and was regarded as able and efficient.

At the conclusion of his military service, he resumed his practice at Groton Junction. He was appointed Examining Surgeon for United States Invalid Pensioners in 1864, which office he held till 1876, when pressure of professional duties obliged him to retire from his position.

Dr. McCollester has never been a political aspirant; nevertheless, he has always been alive to all matters of social interest. He served seven years on the board of school committee of Groton, and two years in the same capacity in Harvard, in which town he has resided since April, 1869. He is a charter member of Caleb Butler Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons, and is one of its Past Masters.

As a physician, gifted with senses remarkably acute, delicate of touch, quick and keen in observation, taking in the physiognomy of disease, reading understandingly books, men, and things, his judgment, correct and rapid, appears as if produced by intuition.

Probably the most reliable gauge of a physician's ability is his reputation with his professional brethren. Many who

stand high in public esteem as medical men speak very highly of Dr. McColleston's professional abilities; and were it not for his attachment to his friends, which has confined him to a laborious but not very remunerative practice, he might easily have found a larger field for his talents, better compensation, less physical and mental wear, and time for scientific study.

As a man, his social nature is largely developed; and the repeated afflictions he has sustained in the death of his children, have been very heavy blows to him. He is affable and courteous to all, and treats the indigent sufferer with the same kind consideration which he extends to the affluent. He is not wanting in ambition, and desires and appreciates the good-will and approbation of the public. Love of money forms no part of his composition, and, were it not for the large extent of his practice, he would be constantly impecunious.

"I cannot explain anything about it," said a sick old lady whom he attended. "I certainly thought I should die; but, when he came into the room, it was like a flood of sunlight. I could not feel discouraged, if I wanted to be." To this power of awakening hope and inspiring courage in the sick and suffering, Dr. McColleston owes no small part of his success.

In his religious views, he is liberal, believing that we know too little to assert dogmatically that our brother's views, however different from our own, or however narrow they may appear, are false. He feels contempt for cant and also a genuine respect for honest religious conviction wherever and whenever exhibited.

DANIEL B. WOODWARD, M.D., eldest son of Stilman and Eunice (Buttrick) Woodward, was born in Marlborough, N.H., Oct. 1, 1835. He was the eldest of six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom but one, the youngest son, are married and still living.

Mr. Woodward was early instructed to care for and cultivate his father's farm, and thereby at an early age

was inured to solid physical labor. He was emphatically a worker in his boyhood. His early education was limited to the brief terms of the district and select schools of his native town. He early imbibed an energetic inclination to think and study for himself, being encouraged by his judicious and strong-minded mother who had had experience in teaching in the district schools of her native town and vicinity. His youthful mind waxed stronger and stronger while laboring on his father's farm and in the wooden-ware shops near his home, till he arrived at his majority, when he spent two brief terms at Westminster Seminary, Vermont. He was unpretending, studious, and methodical in his attainments,—progressive, persevering, hopeful, and bound to succeed.

He commenced his professional studies under the efficient instructions of Dr. Samuel A. Richardson of Marlborough. While pursuing his studies, not being unmindful of his duty when his country called, he enlisted in her service, and spent three successive years in a cause that lay near to his heart, his country's freedom.

During this time, he suffered the hardships and privations incident to the field, the camp, and the hospital; ever efficient, faithful, and true on the field of battle as elsewhere. He continued his professional studies in the hospitals of the United States Army, and subsequently entered Harvard Medical College of Boston, Mass., where he graduated March 8, 1865, and received the degree of M.D., and immediately began the practice of his profession in Troy, N.H., in plain view of his old homestead, where he remained actively and efficiently pursuing the profession of his choice.

The 17th of May, 1865, found the doctor uniting his interests with the lady of his choice, Miss Ellen A. Burt, of Plymouth, Vt.

In 1868, Dr. Woodward decided to leave the early field of his profession, and removed to Ellenburg, Clinton County, N.Y., where he continues to practise his profession.

The doctor's early temperate habits, invigorating outdoor exercises, and methodical studiousness, have developed a

sound mind in a strong body, enabling him to perform the successive duties of each returning day almost unmolested by sickness or pain. In Dr. Woodward we see that the child and youth was father of the man.

SUMNER A. MASON, M.D., fifth son of Clark and Almira (TOWNS) Mason, was born at the old homestead, May 23, 1838, where he continued to reside until twenty-one years of age, receiving the limited common school education granted to the residents of the farming districts of Marlborough. He subsequently became a student of Sullivan H. McCollester, in Westmoreland Valley Seminary, until the breaking out of the Rebellion.

He says: "Here allow me to pay a tribute of respect to my quondam friend and preceptor; for whatever I may owe to other instructors for their efforts, or to parents for their moral and religious training, who without doubt laid the foundation of character, it was he who first inspired me with the hope of a professional future,—that something more than the busy humdrum of life might be evolved from it. And whatever success I may gain in my profession, whatever fresh laurels I may win from new efforts, I shall look back upon his counsels and his teachings as upon 'apples of gold in pictures of silver.'"

He enlisted with the first three months' troops sent from New Hampshire, as a private in Company A, Cheshire Light Guards, as named by Capt. Barker, which afterwards became a part of the "fighting second." He went from Keene to Portsmouth, where the regiment rendezvoused for some weeks, and encamped upon the ground. The exposure, together with a severe attack of confluent measles, broke up his health for a long time, and confined him to the hospital. While there, suffering from the second stage of this disease, the only thing he can recollect is that he was aroused by an unusual commotion, the sounding of bugles and the rolling of drums; and when he asked, "What is that?" Col. H. B. Titus, who had called to bid him adieu, replied, "That is your regiment going to Washington.

Good-by, old boy." After a partial convalescence, he returned home; and his brother Charles took his place, he assuming his.

It was after this that he commenced his professional studies in his native town, and pursued them under difficulties for upwards of one year, having charge at that time of the homestead and his widowed mother. The most of his time during the day was devoted to them, and his nights to study. He then imagined he could rob Nature with impunity, and never heeded the old clock as it rang out "forever more" its midnight peal upon the silent air. The winter of 1864-65 he spent in Philadelphia, for the purpose of attending medical lectures. During the two years and upwards he spent in that city, he studied medicine in the office of Henry T. Child, M.D., 634 Race Street, a Quaker gentleman of great worth and intelligence, whose large library was gratuitously open to him at all times, and whose uniform kindness he will never forget.

In the spring of 1865, he found himself in need of rest, and resolved to seek recreation in the camp of our soldiers, where at least he could have a little relaxation from mental toil, and at the same time render efficient service to the unfortunate wounded. For that purpose, he visited Washington and Alexandria under the auspices of the Christian Commission, where he was detailed to visit the various camps and hospitals in and about those cities. He remained here until the 3d of July, when he was ordered to City Point, Va. Here again he visited the large government hospitals; and while engaged distributing stores, tracts, religious literature, etc., he had a rare opportunity of observing the different phases of disease, as manifested in a large number of patients.

City Point was one of the places designated by the Government for the discharge of our soldiers, hence was one of the last abandoned by the Christian Commission. As long as there was a sufferer, its beneficent hand was stretched forth to alleviate.

Let me not, he says, "attempt to describe to you my

feelings when the last footfall of the brave defenders of our Union ceased to re-echo upon my ears, when I watched the last steamer, until its form grew spectral, gently gliding from those historic shores, bearing upon its bosom the household joys of far-off homes, leaving thousands to slumber where erst they walked in all the pride of manhood's bearing." Soon after the departure of the soldiers from the Point, the Commission was closed up, and its effects turned over to the Freedmen's Bureau.

After this relapse from constant toil, he spent some time in visiting the battle-field of Petersburg, and the line of breastworks between it and City Point. It was while residing here that he made the acquaintance of his wife who had been a nurse in the hospitals, and who in turn nursed him. She was the only child of Lurad C. Heath, a lineal descendant of Gen. Heath of New Hampshire; and as they journeyed together on horseback, the only means of locomotion over those bloody fields, they concluded that the journey of life would be incomplete unless they travelled together. Miss Heath was seven years his junior, and a graduate of Rockland Female Institute. This was a romantic meeting of a descendant of his native State in old Virginia. After a few months' residence on the beautiful banks of the James River, he returned to Philadelphia, where, under the tuition of Dr. Child, he graduated in 1868, an allopathic physician.

He practised only a few months in Philadelphia, when he removed to New York City, where he achieved considerable success during the ensuing years, and where he still resides.

On the 18th of November (Thanksgiving), he consummated his engagement with Miss Emma Josephine Heath. He was married in Plymouth Church, by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.

LUTHER FARRAR, son of Phineas and Lovina (Warren) Farrar, was born in Marlborough, Jan. 11, 1778. Of his early life, or where he obtained his education, we have not been informed; but, having completed his education, he chose the law as his profession, and settled in Maine.

He was eminently possessed of all those amiable and useful endowments which render man an ornament and a blessing to society. In the discharge of all the relative duties of life, he was governed by a fixed determination to do what his conscience should dictate to be right. In his family, mildness, discretion, and prudence, marked his deportment. As a neighbor, he was urbane and benevolent.

The predominant traits in his professional character were honesty and capability. The effects of religious principle and a correct life were exemplified by a remarkable composure and patience during a tedious and distressing sickness, and a perfect resignation in death.

Early called off from active professional duties to pine on a bed of sickness and pain, he found support for several years in the kind attentions of his numerous friends and in the consolations of religion, until he cheerfully resigned his spirit to God, in humble hope of a blessed immortality. He died at Norway, Me., April 28, 1812.

JOSEPH C. MASON, son of Clark and Almira (Townsend) Mason, was born at the old homestead, March 13, 1837. He received a common school and academic education, and began his career as an educator at quite an early age. Later in life, he devoted considerable time to the study of languages, sciences, and advanced mathematics. He received a legal education at the Law College in Albany, N.Y., and in the office of Dearborn & Scott, distinguished attorneys of Peterborough, N.H. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1864, at Nashua, N.H., at a session of the Supreme Judicial Court. He practised his profession at Mason Village (now Greenville), N.H., nearly three years, and then removed to Missouri, where he has for the most part since resided, and devoted his time mainly to educational work, though still maintaining his connection with the bar.

He held the office of Superintending School Committee at Mason Village, and in 1866 was appointed by the Governor of New Hampshire to the office of Common School Com-

missioner of Hillsborough County, and was *ex officio* member of the State Board of Education.

During the war, he was an earnest advocate of the Union cause, and contributed to swell the Union Army by delivering patriotic speeches in various parts of New England.

After his removal to Missouri, he held the office of principal of the Washington Public School, St. Louis; superintendent of public schools at Boonville, Carthage, and Joplin, which last-named position he still holds. He has been a frequent contributor to educational and other journals, and has published several quite extended reports growing out of his official relations.

His work as an educator for several years past has been largely that of an organizer. It may be added that a large number of teachers have been specially prepared for this work under his supervision in the Normal department of the schools above mentioned.

ANDREW COOLIDGE STONE, son of Aaron and Mary (Ward) Stone, was born in Marlborough, March 16, 1839. He was educated in the Marlborough schools, and attended terms in the academies of Meriden and New Ipswich, N.H., Westminster, Vt., and graduated at Phillips (Exeter) Academy. After graduating, he engaged for a short season in teaching in the schools of Walpole, New Ipswich, Keene, and Peterborough; but, having chosen the law as his profession, he commenced its study in the office of Hon. D. Sanders, in Lawrence, Mass., in 1861.

Upon the breaking out of the war, he postponed his legal studies for the more important duties of the patriot; and, enlisting in Company A, Thirty-third Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, he served to the close of the war.

With the return of peace, he resumed the pursuit of his profession, and completed his preparatory studies in the office of Hon. L. Sherwin, at Ashtabula, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1867.

At Ashtabula, he formed an acquaintance, happily consummated in wedlock in 1869, with Mary F. Hulbert, the accomplished daughter of J. D. Hulbert, Esq., of that place.

Immediately upon his admission to the bar, he established himself in the practice of the law at Lawrence, Mass., and speedily won, and now holds, an honorable position for integrity and legal ability at the distinguished bar of that State. Mr. Stone's ambition has not led him much into political life, and therefore he has not sought public employment. The only political office he has filled was that of member of the Common Council of Lawrence, of which body he was the president. But that he is not without a proper degree of interest in political affairs is shown by his active and influential membership of the Republican State Central Committee. He holds the judicial commission of Master in Chancery. His successful career, social and professional, is due to his native energy of character and the moral qualities that distinguish the man of honor.

JOHN WILLIE CONVERSE, son of Nelson and Sally M. (Jones) Converse, was born in Marlborough, July 3, 1848. Though a farmer's boy, and always obliged to labor at the farm work, he was regarded as being of a thoughtful and studious turn of mind, and was encouraged in this by his parents, they allowing him the full benefit of such school advantages as the town then afforded, and afterwards sending him to various seminaries in Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire.

When about twenty years of age, he commenced the study of law at home, under the direction of the late law firm of Wheeler & Faulkner, of Keene, N.H.; and, when he became of age, removed to Springfield, Mass., where he continued his studies for two years in the office of Augustus L. Soule,—now judge of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts,—and in 1872 was admitted to the bar of that State.

The following year he became engaged to and married Miss Clara A. Wheeler, a woman of uncommon merit and ability; but she died in May, 1875.

Feeling that he wanted a larger field of action, in 1876 he travelled through the West, and visited the principal cities there for this reason, but finally settled in Boston,

where he is now practising his profession. When in Springfield, he became interested in politics, taking an active part in campaign work, and earned quite a reputation as a political speaker. He has always been a Republican. Like all others in his profession, he has been obliged to work hard and earnestly for the position he holds, but is now in the enjoyment of a moderate practice and the full confidence of the bar. A clear thinker and close reasoner, his judgment is always to be relied on, as he never gives an opinion hastily. He is fast growing into prominence, and his success seems assured.

JUSTUS PERRY was born in Marlborough, Feb. 8, 1788. He was the son of Dr. Justus and Martha (Frost) Perry.

Although Dr. Perry was the only physician of the place, and had a large practice, he died leaving his family poor. Dr. Adams, an eminent physician of Keene, who was his compeer, when speaking of the circle of young physicians in that neighborhood, generously remarked that "Perry had the most native genius of them all."

The young Justus was apprenticed to an excellent and worthy saddler, David Wilkinson, Sen. By him and his wife he was treated as a son. At the age of nineteen years, he bought his time of his master, and set up in the same business for himself; his master, who was thorough and skilful, working for him. The wife of Mr. Wilkinson had the greatest turn for trade; and before that period she once took Justus to Boston with her, seeing his talent for business. On Sunday morning, the boy of sixteen expressed a desire to go to church. The clerk of the hotel said he would accompany him and show him about. He took Justus to hear Dr. Channing preach. This great preacher made an impression upon the youth, which he never forgot. He often referred to it in after life, saying that it was a turning-point in his religious character.

Not long after beginning business for himself, he accumulated enough goods to exchange them for horses, which he sold at New Haven for a good profit.

In the mean time, his step-father, Capt. Wheeler, for whom he had a great respect, died. As soon as his mother's affairs could be settled, he removed her, with her family of young children, to Keene. She was a woman of remarkable force of character, and had unusual sagacity in the labors of love among her sick neighbors. The celebrated Dr. Twitchell of Keene, when he gave up hope of a case, used to say, "If she cannot save him, nobody can."

Justus rented a store in Keene, and began business there. His mother's means were small, and he devoted his time and strength to providing her with a home and the comforts of life. When told that he was wearing himself out by over-taxing his mind and body, and running great pecuniary risks, he replied, "My wish is to see my mother and sister well provided for, and I shall ask for nothing more." He was never unfaithful to this early trust, although he paid the penalty of excessive ambition by a severe typhus fever, which left his constitution somewhat impaired for life.

He was always on the lookout for opportunities and, when a glass manufacturing company failed, he bought it at great discount, and began a new business, which proved very successful. He built a fine house, displaying a taste beyond the times in the choice of a lot and the planting of the grounds. There he installed his mother and her unmarried sister and brothers.

He shortly after married Mary Haven Edwards, of Boston, Mass., by whom he had two children, a boy and a girl, Horatio Justus and Mary Olivia. His wife died soon after the birth of her daughter; and he afterwards married Hannah Wood of Concord, Mass. By her he had three children, two girls and a boy, Ellen Elizabeth, Martha Ann, and Henry.

He was by no means a mere man of business. Although his early education was scanty, he had a fine appreciation of books, and collected a valuable library. His children recall with pleasure the home where he took down these books, and inspired them with a love of the best literature.

He was genial in his habits and hospitable, and never

forgot his early friends, especially the good saddler and his wife; and quickly came the social glass, which he would mix for them after the custom of their times, when they came up from Marlborough, and visited him. He was, however, strictly temperate himself. He had almost an abhorrence of alcoholic drinks, having seen the evil effects of them so much. He drank nothing on his table but the cider from the farmer's barn. He was somewhat reserved in disposition with the public at large, and enjoyed most the intercourse with his family and relatives, whom he loved with unflinching affection. His passion, if it might be called so, in early life was for military achievement. He had a fine form, and loved the excitement of the drill and command. He was first captain of a company, afterwards made lieutenant-colonel, and at length general and brigadier-general of the light infantry of the county. He went into this with all the ardor of youth, and probably found stimulus and refreshment for his jaded nervous system.

He was by nature a religious man. At the time of the division in the Congregational Church of Keene, he took his stand on the liberal side, and became a member of the Unitarian Church, remaining ever one of its best supporters. He was in the habit of having devotional services in his family, and loved much to read the Bible, which, he often said, "he needed no commentator to interpret for him."

During the last ten years of his life, he was a great sufferer from neuralgic pain. His nervous system was completely prostrated by it at length. He rarely ever slept a night through, but was constantly watched by his faithful wife, who lost her own health in her anxiety and care for him. He would walk his sitting-room at intervals during the day, suffering the most acute paroxysm of pain. As soon as the agony began to pass away, he would turn tenderly and solicitously to his sorrowful wife and children, saying: "Do not worry. I shall soon be over it." Such was his native strength, that immediately after these attacks he would put on his coat and go into the street. His strong frame could not long hold out. His disease affected his

whole system. He consulted the venerable Dr. Jackson of Boston, who told him that there was great danger of its affecting his brain. The prediction proved true, the last two or three months of his life, when his mind succumbed to the power of disease.

He died in November, 1840, aged fifty-two years, and was laid in his own tomb, which he had provided on his family estate. After the death of his wife and two of his children, and the departure of the others from Keene, the place was no longer sacred from intrusion; and his remains were removed, with the rest of his family, to the beautiful cemetery now in Keene, where they repose by the side of his two companions and his children.

SUMNER WHEELER, son of Capt. David and Martha (Frost) (Perry) Wheeler, was born in Marlborough, March 8, 1807.

He was a young man of fine disposition and industrious habits. He was early initiated into business habits by his elder brother, Justus Perry. He continued with him until he was received as a partner; and after Gen. Perry became disabled, and was obliged to retire, the business was carried on by himself and his brother Quincy.

He was married, May 15, 1832, to Catherine Vose of Boston, Mass. By her he had four children, Catherine Frances, Ellen, Mary Bemis, and Frank Sumner.

On the death of his two brothers, he sold out his interest in his business, hoping to enter into other active pursuits, in which, however, he was disappointed. But he was far from being an idle man. Such was his character for strict integrity and generosity, that he was continually put into private offices of trust, which gained him much esteem and confidence in the community. The poor widow felt safe to confide her all to him, and the orphan child leaned on him for support. He had a disposition of remarkable geniality. He loved his friends and his neighbors, and found his highest happiness in serving them. He was often seen with his sleigh full of children, carrying them home from school

on stormy winter days; for all children were to him as his own, and there was a seat at his table for young or old. He it was who must lead the picnic and the family dance; and he also was the one who, with grave and sympathetic face, conducted the funeral, or walked by the dead to their last resting-place. He was a regular attendant and supporter of the Unitarian Church in Keene, and not only filled the office of treasurer for many years, but gave liberally of his own substance.

The sudden death of his younger brother Quincy in the prime of life, a young man of fine promise, was a severe blow to him and to his family; but his attentions were unwearied towards his older brother Franklin, who was an invalid for many years. His devotion to his half-brother, Justus Perry, then in declining health, was constant, and after Gen. Perry's death he was like a father to his children.

He lived during the first part of his married life in a hired house on Main Street. He afterwards bought the fine place at the lower end of the street, formerly occupied by Mrs. Catherine Fiske who had her celebrated school for young ladies there.

It was the brightest of homes; and many were the jokes that passed between him and the venerable Dr. Bastow one side of him, Dr. Charles Adams in front, and Dr. Ingersoll half-way up the street, whom he accosted every morning.

As an illustration of his character for integrity in the town, we will mention an incident which occurred one day in the bank. A knot of gentlemen were engaged in conversation on the subject of honesty. One of them said that, no matter how honest a man might seem to be, there was always a flaw in every man somewhere. Another said, "he would wager ten dollars that he could show them an honest man." Another spoke up and replied, "Leave out Sumner Wheeler, and I will stand you." Sumner Wheeler was the man of the first wager.

As he grew older and had more leisure, his services to his

neighbors were more frequent. His face was a benediction on the street. No misfortunes could make him gloomy. He suffered pecuniary losses, but was never cast down. He would sometimes say, when he heard others speaking despondingly of this life, "For my part, I do not wish for any better world than this." Yet when stricken down by typhoid fever, and called suddenly away, he was ready to go. He died Sept. 23, 1861.

The 15th Psalm, beginning, "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacles? who shall dwell in thy holy hills?" read at the funeral, was so singularly appropriate to him that listeners who perhaps rarely read the Bible expressed admiration and surprise at its fitness to so just a man.

His memory is still green in the home of his affections and the community of Keene.

CYRUS WAKEFIELD, son of James and Hannah (Hemenway) Wakefield, was born in Marlborough, Feb. 14, 1811. His father's farm was included in that territory, which the following year was set off to make the town of Roxbury. Hence the report that he was a native of Roxbury. The following sketch of his life and character is taken from Eaton's History of Wakefield and Reading, Mass.:—

"His father's occupation was that of a farmer, and thus his early associations were connected with the rugged discipline of a New England farm-boy.

"The school was a mile and a half over the hills; and it was no easy task in winter, with the snow over the fences to reach it. Yet the New England boy lingers not by the fire, even in the severest storms; but with his books under his arm, and his cap well tied about his ears, he resolutely goes on to his place at school. And well he may, because there are but two terms a year, of ten weeks each, one in winter, the other in summer; and, when he is twelve years of age, he will not be allowed the privileges of the summer term, since his help is required on the farm. Young Cyrus seems to have realized the importance even of these slight educational advantages, and, by applying himself with great

zeal to his studies, mastered the rudiments of the common school.

“The executive and administrative qualities of his mind began to develop very early in life. There were numberless projects in his busy child-brain, to the accomplishment of which he bent not only his own, but also the abilities of his brothers. He would induce his father to lay out work in advance for himself and younger brother, sometimes having plans which required a month’s time for their execution. At one time, it would be the construction of a fish-pond; at another, the building of coal-pits, the product of which he sold to the neighboring blacksmiths. . . .

“At an early age, he grew restive. Some of his relatives had gone to other States, and at times would return to tell what they had seen and done in the great cities. His father’s farm would seem now too small for his growing ambition. The successes of his friends kindled in his own bosom a generous emulation. He, too, would try his fortune in the great world outside. At last, after much urging, his father consented; and Cyrus went to Peterboro’, to enter a cotton mill as a picker-boy. This was a most excellent position to dissipate the rosy hues which had gathered about his ideal world, and to discover to him the cold, stern reality.

“Only a short time elapsed, and he was back at the old homestead, still determined to realize his fondest hopes of one day becoming a merchant. He had heard of the fame of Mr. Appleton of Dublin, who had emerged from obscurity like his own, but who was then widely known as a successful and an honorable merchant. What others had done he could do; and he incessantly urged his views upon his father, who as constantly presented the other and darker side, showing how many who went to the city lost health, time, and even character, in their pursuit of wealth, and were ultimately obliged to return in disgrace to their native towns.

“His father at length sent him to live with a clergyman in a neighboring village, who, in return for his taking care

of his horse and cow, should give him suitable books to read, and if possible lead his mind into theological studies. This good man, however, was not apt to teach. On the first day, he put him down before a large book containing the history of the controversy between Calvin and Arminius. The book was dry and uninteresting. After a trial of several days, the boy gave up in despair, convinced that, if Calvin and Arminius could not settle the theological matters in dispute, he certainly could not hope to do it.

“He returned again to his father’s house, more resolutely determined than ever to go to Boston, and try his luck in the great world of trade. After a few more futile attempts to find congenial employment for him near home, he, at the age of fifteen years, with his parents’ consent, came to Boston, declaring that he would achieve success, and make a name of which his friends would be proud.

“Arriving in Boston, he at first entered a small retail grocery store of Messrs. Wheeler & Bassett on Washington Street, but soon after secured a clerkship with Messrs. Stearns, Cobb, & Winslow on India Street. While in their employ, he conceived the plan of doing business on his own account, since he had some time at his command not required by his employers. His employers gave him the liberty to buy and sell empty barrels and casks. They also assisted him in other ways in small business-transactions.

“At length he had saved one thousand dollars in hard cash. But with the thousand dollars came a still stronger desire for money. He saw the path to wealth opening before him; and, instead of pursuing a course of study at some college, he bent his energies more strongly than ever to the accumulation of property. This step he regretted in after life, feeling that he had made a serious mistake. He attended evening schools, both of an academic and mercantile nature; visited the various debating societies and churches; observed carefully the habits of the people; listened, so far as his time would allow, to the various courses of scientific lectures, for which his mind had a keen relish: and thus laid the foundation of what general knowledge he possessed.

“During his business engagement with Messrs. Stearns, Cobb, & Winslow, he made shipments to Valparaiso, and other ports of South America, with indifferent success. In 1834, he entered the grocery business, under the firm name of Foster & Wakefield, on Commercial Street, opposite Commercial Wharf. In 1836, the firm was dissolved; and Mr. Wakefield sent to New Hampshire for his younger brother, Mr. Enoch H. Wakefield, with whom two years after he formed a copartnership under the name of Wakefield & Company. This firm was continued until 1844. During the latter part of this copartnership, a small lot of rattan thrown out of a ship as refuse matter was accidentally purchased, and sold at a profit to a few chairmakers, who, working the raw material by hand, used the outside of the cane in seating chairs. This favorable purchase led to others, until, at the dissolution of the firm, Mr. Wakefield opened an office at the corner of Commercial and Cross Streets, where he carried on a jobbing trade in rattan. The demand for split rattan in seating chairs now increased. The great cost of preparing it in this country, without the aid of machinery, caused Mr. Wakefield to look abroad for a supply; and as he had a brother-in-law in the house of Messrs. Russell & Company, Canton, China, he forwarded to him samples of the cane most in demand. In a few years, his importations of Canton split rattan were known throughout the United States.

“In the year 1856, Mr. Wakefield resolved to begin the manufacture of cane in this country, and to utilize, so far as possible, the whole of the material. The American Rattan Company was at this time the only party cutting cane by machinery, and they used it only for seating chairs. The remainder of the rattan was wasted. But Mr. Wakefield determined to make the whole of the rattan—cane, pith, and shavings—valuable. He began with one or two machines worked by hand, in Boston. A fortunate speculation gave him both credit and capital, so that he could enlarge his business. Hearing that there were several large lots of rattan in the New York market,—the article being much

depressed at that time,—Mr. Wakefield, with all the ready money he could command, went to that city, established his quarters quietly at the Astor House, and put his brokers at work to obtain the lowest price at which the entire stock could be purchased, enjoining on them not to name the purchaser. Having obtained the desired information, he decided to take all the available lots, for which he paid sufficient cash to make the material subject to his order. This gave him the whole control of the rattan stock in the country. Prices soon advanced, and he was able to sell and realize a handsome profit. This single operation, not only put money and credit at his disposal, but also gave him a prestige in the business, which he ever after maintained.

“Soon after this, he removed his works from Boston to South Reading. Water-power took the place of hand-power and, as the business rapidly increased, that of steam was soon added. The mill at South Reading, in which he first began soon became too small for him, and building after building was erected, until at the time of his death his manufactories and store-houses covered an area of ten acres of flooring.

“Nor was this wonderful increase in his business the only remarkable feature. There was a corresponding advance in utilizing the whole of the rattan, so that nothing was lost. From a comparatively small jobbing trade in an article at that time of little value, he advanced to the manufacture of reeds for hoop skirts, then to cane for seating chairs, then to the manipulation of the waste, and finally to the use of all the small pieces, and even shavings in making various beautiful and useful articles. His original idea was thus realized; and probably no one ever succeeded, in the face of so many difficulties, and with such a stubborn material as rattan, in so nearly accomplishing his object.

“In the year 1851, Mr. Wakefield made his first purchase of real estate in South Reading. In July of that same year, he bought the larger part of the land comprising his homestead; and in place of the mansion house, which then stood

upon it, he built in 1861 a magnificent residence. About this time, he fully realized that the town was destined to become a very important place. And now he seemed never to have enjoyed a moment so long as he knew that there was a piece of real estate in the vicinity of his house or factories which could be purchased. He would not rest till he had a deed of it in his own name on record. Many of these purchases were of low swamps and meadows, which he cleared, filled up, and drained, making valuable building lots of what had been waste land.

“While in the spring of 1867 the citizens of South Reading were considering the propriety of erecting some suitable memorial to the brave men who had gone from their number to the war of the Rebellion and had perished, Mr. Wakefield came forward, and voluntarily offered to give to the town a lot of land and a cash contribution of \$30,000 for a Memorial Hall. In accepting this munificent offer, the town at once decided to change its name, and on the 20th of January, 1868, by acclamation, voted that it should henceforth be Wakefield.

“Mr. Wakefield more than fulfilled his promise to the town. He more than quadrupled the cost of the edifice; and on Feb. 22, 1871, in the presence of an audience completely filling the new and beautiful hall, he surrendered the keys of the building to the proper officers of the town.

“Although Mr. Wakefield never held a position where elevation was due to political influence, yet he was a leader in all local enterprises and improvements, and sometimes led the way where few were ready to follow. He was one of the incorporators of the Savings Bank, director in Citizens Gas Light Company, president and largest stockholder in the Ice Company, member of the School Board, of the Agricultural Association, and National Bank of South Reading.

“Mr. Wakefield was a man of iron will and resolute purpose, combined with great physical endurance. Energy, perseverance, and an indomitable courage in the face of



Engraved by J. M. Smith, Boston, 1854

W. A. Wilkinson

almost insuperable obstacles, were his prominent characteristics. He had a keen perception, and results that other men reached by hard thought seemed to intuitively come to him. He knew human nature thoroughly, and could read a man at a glance. To those who knew him best, he revealed at times a warm, genial, and tender nature, though to a stranger he might seem distant. He was charitable, giving not only in large sums to public enterprises, but cheering the hearts of the poor with his generous gifts. Many students struggling for an education remember with gratitude his timely aid. As a merchant, he was shrewd, industrious, persistent, and careful in the details of his business. His character and deeds are thus epitomized in the resolutions adopted by his fellow-citizens on the evening after his death:—

“The valuable citizen, the prosperous merchant, the progressive leader in ornamental and architectural improvements, the friend and helper of education, the chief promoter of our local industrial pursuits, our munificent namesake, whose numerous and generous benefactions will remain his enduring memorials.”

Mr. Wakefield died very suddenly on Sabbath morning, Oct. 26, 1873, at the age of sixty-two years and eight months.

WARREN HUBBARD WILKINSON, son of David and Patty (Hubbard) Wilkinson, was born in Marlborough, July 9, 1824.

During his boyhood, besides attending school, he assisted his father in his labors on the farm, and at the early age of ten began to work in the harness-shop, thus following the trade of both his father and grandfather, and during his minority acquiring a thorough knowledge of the business, by which mainly he has attained the success he has enjoyed in his later years.

At the age of twenty-three, he became a partner with his father, and continued the harness business in Marlborough until 1853, supplying not only the home-demand, but also stores in Keene, Peterboro, and Greenfield, Mass.

Removing to Greenfield in 1853, he continued in business there six years, when he removed to Springfield, Mass., which has since been his home. There he was endeavoring to build up a trade, when the threatening clouds of approaching civil war unsettled all plans and prospects of commercial enterprise. During the winter of 1860, however, Mr. Wilkinson received an order for military work from the quartermaster of the State of Connecticut, which being satisfactorily filled led to his receiving similar orders from other States and from the United States Government for the manufacture of military leather goods of various kinds during the continuation of the war.

For many of these, he furnished improved patterns, which were adopted and are still used in the service. During the last three years, he has furnished large quantities of goods for foreign countries, amounting to about eighty thousand dollars annually.

Since 1869, Mr. Wilkinson has been engaged in the manufacture of horse blankets, first at Marlborough, then at Winchendon, Mass.; and, as his business increased, he removed the work to Holyoke, Mass., where he now has one of the largest mills of the kind in the country, the annual production of which amounts to about two hundred thousand dollars.

In these different manufacturing enterprises, employment is furnished to more than three hundred persons.

In the midst of these various business interests, he has not, however, forgotten his native town, but has again invested in its manufacturing interests. Nor is he unmindful of the church where he first professed his faith in Christ, and to which he still belongs, as shown by his various gifts as its needs have seemed to require.

Mr. Wilkinson married first Almira, daughter of Capt. Asa Frost of Marlborough. She died in 1874. He has since married Emily J., daughter of James Brown of Brimfield, Mass.

Hon. RUFUS S. FROST, son of Joseph and Lucy (Wheeler)

Frost, was born in Marlborough, July 18, 1826. His father died when he was about four years of age. His widowed mother moved to Boston with her children, less than three years afterwards. He received his education mostly at the public schools in Boston, and at the academy in Newton.

At twelve years of age, he went into the dry goods store of Messrs. J. H. & J. Osgood, where he remained until he was twenty-one, when he became a partner of J. H. Osgood, which mutually pleasant relationship was continued for five years. Similar business connections were subsequently formed with two other firms for shorter periods. After these, he became the head of his own business-house in 1866, taking younger partners as the exigencies of the case demanded; and with these he is still associated.

In his mercantile as well as in his manufacturing interests, both of which have been large, Mr. Frost has always regarded himself as particularly favored in the honorable business-standing and high-toned moral character of the men with whom he has been and is still connected.

During the lapse of thirty years since he began his active business-life, there have been the usual ebbs and floods of reverses and successes, through which he has successfully passed; not only without failure or compromise, but without a spot or blemish upon his reputation as a thoroughly honest, upright, fair, and gentlemanly business-man.

At the age of twenty-one, he married Miss Ellen Maria Hubbard of Chelsea. She died Feb. 28, 1878; and he married June 18, 1879, Mrs. Catharine Emily Willard of Tioga, Penn.

Mr. Frost left Boston when he was fourteen years old to reside in Chelsea, then a rapidly growing village of seven-hundred inhabitants. He grew up with it, and took a lively interest in its development. After it became a city, he was twice elected its mayor—1867 and 1868—with great unanimity, and was strongly urged to continue longer in that office. In 1871 and 1872, he served as State Senator. In 1873 and 1874, he was a member of the Governor's Council. In these various civic relations, Mr. Frost acquit-

ted himself with great credit, and to the entire satisfaction of his constituency.

Mr. Frost indulged the Christian's hope, and united with the Salem Church, Boston, when fourteen years old. Sept. 20, 1841, the First Congregational of Chelsea was organized, of which he was one of the original forty-one members. He at once identified himself with the choir, with the Sabbath school, and with all the various activities and benevolences of the church. For a long time he led the choir and played the organ. He superintended the Sabbath school for years, until his health compelled his resignation. He was always ready to take part in the social meetings, and discharge any and all his church and parochial obligations.

Naturally of a cheerful and hopeful temperament, which Christian assurance necessarily intensifies and adorns, Mr. Frost has always been and is a good neighbor, a warm and welcome friend, a genial companion, and a safe pattern and counsellor to every young man.

The citizens of his native town do not need to be told of his lively interest in all their public affairs. He early secured the old family homestead for his summer residence. He has aided the churches by contributions, and by sending at his own expense ministers for holding especial religious services. He gave a beautiful organ to the Congregational Church, where he worships when in town. The gift of a town library is a monument both to his generosity and to his good judgment as to the best methods of interesting and educating, and so elevating, such a community.

WILLIAM H. GREENWOOD, youngest son of Asa and Lucy Mason (Evans) Greenwood, was born in Dublin, March 27, 1832. He removed to Marlborough with his parents, working on the various public works in which his father was engaged till 1850, when he entered Norwich University, Norwich, Vt., graduating in 1852. The same fall he went west to Illinois, and began as civil engineer on the line of the Central Military Tract (tract of land) Railroad (afterwards the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad,) on

the 23d of November, 1852. He remained with said company until the road was completed, and ran on the train for sometime. He then went to work for the American Central Railroad as assistant engineer, and was with that interest until the beginning of the war. He was married, May 19, 1857, to Evaline D. Knight of Dummerston, Vt.

He enlisted in the Fifty-first Regiment of Illinois infantry in 1861, and was commissioned first lieutenant of Company H. He remained with the regiment but a short time, though he retained his commission, being detailed as a topographical engineer at department head-quarters.

At various times, as topographical engineer, he reported to Gens. Grant, Rosecrans, Thomas, McPherson, Stanley, and other general officers. He was aide-de-camp to Gen. D. S. Stanley for some time, and was appointed assistant inspector-general of the Fourth Army Corps, a part of the army of the Cumberland, in July, 1864, which position he held to the close of the war. He was mustered out in Texas, and was retained by Gen. Sheridan to rebuild the railroad, destroyed by the rebel Gen. McGruder, from Port Lavaca to Victoria in Texas. In April, 1866, he returned to Vermont, remaining there only a month, when he again went West, and was employed on the engineer corps of the Union Pacific Railway, Eastern Division, afterwards known as the Kansas Pacific. He was appointed chief engineer of this road in 1867, which position he held up to 1870.

In the winter of 1867-68, he took charge of a survey for this company through to San Francisco on the thirty-second and thirty-fifth parallels, and advised the adopting of the Cimaron, thirty-fifth parallel, and Tahatchpe Pass route. While chief engineer of this road, he constructed one hundred and fifty miles of railroad in one hundred working days, and the last day they laid ten and one quarter miles of track in less than ten hours, which was the largest amount ever laid up to that time, and has never been exceeded up to the date of 1876.

During his surveys across the Plains, he had several encounters with the Indians during their raids in 1867, 1868,

and 1869, and endured hardships from cold and hunger which few men have ever experienced. While with this road, he was also consulting engineer of the Denver Pacific Railroad.

In 1870, he made the first general report made in this country in favor of a narrow gauge (three feet) railroad, and was appointed general manager of construction of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad of Colorado. On the completion of the first division of said road, he was appointed general superintendent of the same, and remained with the road until the track was laid to Cañon City, one hundred and sixty-five miles. In 1872, in company with Gen. W. S. Rosecrans, Gen. W. J. Palmer, and others, he went to Mexico to construct a national railroad in that country. While on the Mexican national road, he visited England and the Continent, to inform himself as to the best base of supplies for that interest. Failing to get the proper concessions from the Mexican government, he returned to the United States, and established himself as a civil engineer in New York.

In May, 1878, he took charge of the construction of the Pueblo and Arkansas Valley Railroad for the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé Railroad Company, through the Grand Cañon and up the valley of the Arkansas River. In March, 1879, he took charge of the Marion and McPherson Railroad, which was the last public work with which he was connected, up to the writing of this history.

Deacon ABEL BAKER was a son of Bezeleel and Abigail (Wood) Baker of Marlborough, and was born April 8, 1797. Like most lads in this town at that early day, he was brought up on a farm, and inured to almost all kinds of manual labor. He possessed a good constitution, was athletic and energetic, and seldom failed to accomplish the object of his desire. His educational advantages were mainly limited to the district school, which at that period was much less efficient than now. These advantages, however, were well improved; and he became one of the best

and most advanced scholars in his district. Having mastered the branches taught in the district school, he was sent to an academy in New Salem, Mass., where he studied one term, and then commenced teaching. For several years, he taught school in the winter, and assisted his father on the farm in the summer. As a teacher, he was very successful, and his services were sought by the best and most desirable school districts.

He married April 18, 1821, and located upon a farm in the adjoining town of Troy, and devoted his attention to agriculture. His admirable qualities of head and heart were soon recognized by his fellow-citizens, and he became one of the leading men of the town. His sound judgment, practical wisdom, and general intelligence fitted him for any position in the community; and he was consequently elected at different times to almost all the civil offices in the town. He served the town some fifteen years as selectman,—the most of the time as chairman of the board,—and represented it in the Legislature of the State in the years 1840–42.

In all the public positions he was called to fill, he was faithful and honest, and none of his constituents ever had reason to feel that they had misplaced their confidence.

He did a large amount of business in the settlement of estates. His ability and familiarity with the law fitted him for the transaction of this kind of business, and for many years his services in this line were in constant demand.

The crowning excellence of Deacon Baker's life, however, is to be found in his devotion to the service of his divine Master and in his noble Christian character. He experienced religion in early life, and united with the Congregational Church, of which he was ever afterwards a worthy, active, and honored member. Through the trying period in the early history of the little church in Troy, he was one of the few who remained steadfast in the Congregational faith; and through his and his co-laborers' efforts, under the divine blessing, the church lived and prospered. Soon after

he became a member of the church, he was chosen a deacon, and held and honored this office during the remainder of his life. As an officer in the church, he was vigilant and faithful, watching over its members and laboring to promote their spiritual welfare. He was honored by all classes, and looked up to as a faithful friend, a wise counsellor, and an exemplary Christian. After a long and useful life, he died, Sept. 26, 1878, calmly, and in the full assurance of a glorious immortality.

CHAPTER XIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONADNOCK MOUNTAIN.—POST-OFFICES.—LIBRARIES.—ODD FELLOWS.—CEMETERIES.—MORTUARY RECORD.—PERSONS OVER EIGHTY, JANUARY 1, 1880.—TOWN OFFICERS.—GOVERNOR VOTE.—MIRRIAM NEWTON'S DIARY.—PAUPERISM.—ABATEMENT OF TAXES.—WILD ANIMALS.—ALEXANDER FISH'S EAR.—ANECDOTES.

MONADNOCK MOUNTAIN.

ALTHOUGH the line of the town of Marlborough is at the foot of the grand Monadnock on the west side, yet, it being so situated that no other town can have access to it without passing through Marlborough, unless the ascent be made on some other side, it would seem that the History of Marlborough should give, at least, a description of that part of the mountain which has been looking down upon the town since its settlement. Formerly, a large portion of it was covered with a thick kind of under-brush, and some quite large timber which extended far up the sides, giving the mountain a very different appearance from what it now presents. But in the year 1800, after a very severe drouth, the mountain was on fire for several weeks, and the west side was nearly all burned over. The fire was followed by a strong wind; and the timber was hurled in all directions, and for years afterwards the large timber lay just as it fell. The saplings were, however, soon rotten, and the bald rocks were visible all over the mountain.

The best way of ascent was thought to be on the westerly

side, until 1850 or 1855, when the Mountain House was built; and the United States Coast Surveyors constructed a new road to the top from the south side.

After the settlement of the towns in the vicinity of the mountain, during the time that the wolves were on the lookout for *mutton*, and were very destructive among the sheep, it was thought it afforded a secure shelter for them; and at three different times the inhabitants in the vicinity on all sides, by a general agreement, surrounded it and commenced a general hunt, which continued from the foot to the top. But these hunts were not very successful. Sometimes a stray bear or wolf was killed, but there were so many hiding-places it was difficult to dislodge them.

Some time after the American War, a few chivalrous young men of Marlborough, on some important occasion, undertook to make a bonfire on the top of the mountain, which they intended should be seen for twenty miles. A barrel of tar was carried up in buckets, and every effort was made to illuminate the darkness; but their efforts were not crowned with success.

The pathway from the foot of the mountain to the top on the west side was formerly marked by stones, some of which still remain.

A little to the south of this path, about half-way up the mountain, is what was called the Rock House. It is a smooth split in a large rock some thirty feet long and eight feet high, with an opening at the north some three feet wide, running to a point at the other end with a flat stone over it, so that several persons can be sheltered by it. Formerly, every person visiting the mountain felt he must not fail of seeing the famous Rock House.

The inhabitants living in the vicinity of the mountain are attracted there to secure the large quantities of blueberries which are found between the ledges in August and September. And, in a fruitful year, the writer has seen them so thick and large that a good picker would secure a ten-quart pail full in two or three hours.

GRAND MONADNOCK.

BY J. D. CREHORE.

O THOU who rear'st thy wild, romantic head,
Piercing sublime the blue, ethereal sky,—
A huge, erratic pile, with igneous bed,—
Be thou my theme while I extol thee high !

Abrupt amid her thousand granite hills,
New Hampshire proudly claims thee for her own ;
But thy bold, awful peak with wonder fills
The eyes of other sons than hers alone.

No State can own thee by exclusive right ;
For when the rising sun tips thee with gold,
Or, setting, robes thee with effulgent light,
Thy splendor dazzles far through space unknown.

Tell me if, oft in meditation lost,
Thou ponderest not on ages rolled away ;
For thou art old and gray and tempest-tossed,
And round thy furrowed cheek the lightnings play.

Geology, in its research profound,
Has traced thy being back through endless time,
To when the ocean wave, with murmuring sound,
Roared round thy cliffs its melancholy chime.

Yes, from the deep, dark caverns of the sea,
Volcanic fire hath borne thee high in air,
To overlook the stream, the vale, the lea,
And evermore to stand majestic there.

I fancy thou art Nature's monument,
Erected to record her mighty deeds,—
How from the deep she reared the continent,
And scattered o'er its face a million seeds ;

How thus she formed a dwelling-place for man,
Long years before he drew the vital air ;
And decked it, long ere human life began,
With wavy trees and fruit and blossoms fair.

Thou bearest record, too, of wind and tide,
When yet the foamy wave was lashing thee ;
For, far above the shrubs upon thy side,
The Iceberg's giant footprints still we see.

But in fond remembrance thou canst turn
 Back to the later scenes of other days,—
 When the wigwam, thinly thatched with fern,
 Cheered the poor Indian seated by its blaze ;

When all around thee, Mountain, far and wide,
 Lay one vast wilderness of leafy shade ;
 And here the chieftain with his dusky bride
 Dwelt along the hillside and the floral glade.

But when the "Mayflower" met thy distant view,
 Alas ! it brought destruction to his home,
 And the red-man before the pale-face flew,
 No more his native hills to roam.

The forest vanished at the Pilgrim's stroke,
 And the wild waste was fruitful by his toil ;
 Where the rude hut sent up its cheering smoke,
 The corn is waving o'er the loamy soil.

Then watched our fathers, struggling hard and long
 To plant on fair Columbia's wildwood shore
 A colony, which, dead, yet lives in song,
 Redecked with laurels stained with heroes' gore ;

And heard the cannon's thundering peal afar,
 Charge after charge on Bunker's awful height,
 When our sires, oppressed, sought redress in war,
 And many gallant sons fell in the fatal fight.

How changed ! The infant colony has grown
 To be a nation of extensive sway ;
 No monarch ever pressed her lofty throne,
 And Freedom has her quiet, unmolested way.

O proud Monadnock ! thy far-searching eye
 Looks down upon a thousand happy homes,—
 Homes of the joyful sons of Liberty,
 Where despots are unknown, and gladness roams.

But Freedom's fane thou art ; and on thy top
 The eagle oft, with weary spreading wings,
 From the high, ethereal realms will drop,
 And pause awhile midst her wanderings.

Upon thy summit, too, thy sons and daughters
 Oft seek the cheering prospect far and wide
 Of forest and grove and silver waters
 That slow and silent join the distant tide.

But thou hast cheer for *me* when far away ;
 For, when in dreams I walk my native hills,
 Thy image, basking in the sunlight gay,
 My weary, troubled soul with rapture fills.

From the *loved* spot where passed my youthful days,
 Thy awful grandness bounds the distant view ;
 And oft in wonder I have paused to gaze
 At thy wild beauty of cerulean hue.

POST-OFFICES.

The first post-office was established in this town Feb. 27, 1823. Previous to this date, the inhabitants received their mail from Keene. Letters coming to that office for those in adjoining towns were advertised in the *New Hampshire Sentinel*. Those having letters to mail generally left them with Dr. David Carter who handed them to the post-rider who in turn delivered them at the post-office at the end of his route. William Ward was the first postmaster. The post-office was in the building since occupied by David Wilkinson as a harness-shop.

The following is a list of the different postmasters at this office, with the date of their appointment:—

William Ward,	February 27, 1823.
Jonah Davis,	July 4, 1825.
Elijah Boyden,	July 29, 1833.
Abner Boyden,	January 3, 1835.
Gilman Converse,	January 27, 1837.
Silas Collester,	August 19, 1841.
Elijah Boyden,	May 16, 1845.
Gideon D. Richardson,	December 10, 1852.
George W. Garfield,	August 8, 1857.
Elisha O. Woodward,	May 26, 1860.
William M. Nason,	June 23, 1874.

At the time of the reappointment of Elijah Boyden in 1845, the post-office was established in the Stone Store, where it has ever since remained.

A post-office was established at Marlborough Depot,

March 24, 1852, since that time the following gentlemen have held the office of postmaster:—

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Date of Appointment.</i>
Nelson Converse,	March 24, 1852.
George W. Garfield,	November 24, 1852.
Cyrus S. Moors,	August 3, 1857.
Cleon M. Lane,	January 23, 1871.
Andrew L. Felch,	August 7, 1871.
Cyrus S. Moors,	May 28, 1872.

LIBRARIES.

Sept. 22, 1795, a number of the citizens of Marlborough met for the purpose of forming themselves into a society to be known as the Marlborough Social Library. At this meeting, Rev. Halloway Fish, Dr. David Carter, Jedediah Tayntor, Phinehas Farrar, Esq., and Lieut. Calvin Stone were chosen a committee to draw up a constitution. It was also voted that two dollars be the price of each share in the library.

At a subsequent meeting, the committee presented a constitution, which was accepted and adopted. The following persons became members of the society, only one of whom survives, Rev. Luther Wiswall, of Windham, Me.:—

Jedediah Tayntor.	Daniel Priest.
David Carter.	Simeon Newton.
Joseph Frost.	Jeremiah Bemis.
Hugh Mason.	George Farrar.
Jonathan Frost.	William Banks.
John Parkhurst.	Kimber Harvey.
Isaac Gould.	Abijah Tucker.
Jonadab Baker.	Phinehas Farrar, Jr.
Reuben Ward.	Charles Holman.
Isaac Cummings.	Amos Cummings.
Simon Piper.	Benjamin Longley.
Eliphalet Stone.	John Harvey.
Elijah Frost.	Persis Sweetser.
Calvin Stone.	Daniel Gould, Jr.
Jacob Woodward.	Daniel Cutting.
Shubael Stone.	Hezekiah Hodgkins.
Samuel Collins.	Phinehas Farrar.

Isaac Robbins.	Lovell Porter.
Benjamin Whitney.	Thomas Adams.
Levi Gates.	Charles Holman, Jr.
William Tenney.	Enoch White.
John Wiswall.	Levi Gates, Jr.
John Lane.	John Joslin.
Anna Temple.	Luther Hemenway.
William Lincoln.	Amos Cummings, Jr.
Elijah Boyden.	Calvin Hastings.
Nathan Wild.	Caleb Perry.
Thomas Temple.	Luke Blodgett.
Luther Newton.	Jonathan Bemis.
Thaddeus Parmenter.	Abner Smith.
John Fitch.	Abel Baker.
Elijah Gates.	Oliver Wright.
John Wiswall, Jr.	Asa Hastings.
Robert Emerson.	John Buss.
Phillips Sweetser, 3d.	William Ward.
Robert Worsley.	Calvin Newton.
Richard Tozer.	Thomas Tolman.
Amasa Converse.	Luther Bemis.
Nathan D. Barker.	Etheel Parmenter.
Ephraim K. Frost.	Luther Wiswall.
Jonas Woodward.	Joseph Woodward.
James Batcheller.	Samuel Jones.

Among the first books purchased were Belknap's History of New Hampshire, Morse's Geography, Cook's Voyages, Gordon's History of the Revolution, Doddridge's Rise and Progress, Blair's Sermons, Life of Franklin, etc.

The library was kept for many years at the house of William Tenney, where S. O. Pope now lives. This place was chosen, no doubt, on account of its being near the meeting-house, as most of the books were exchanged on Sunday, although it was accessible at all times.

Whenever it became necessary to purchase books, a tax of from fifty cents to one dollar was assessed upon each share.

The library was removed in 1843 to the house of Charles Holman, where Charles H. Thurston now resides. The interest in the library now began to decline, and in a few years was given up altogether, and the books divided among

the share-holders, some of which have been deposited in the Frost Free Library for safe keeping.

FROST FREE LIBRARY.

In the summer of 1865, Hon. Rufus S. Frost of Chelsea, Mass., made known to the citizens of Marlborough that he wished to present his native town with a free library, and would do so, whenever the town would provide a suitable place in which to keep it.

A meeting of the citizens was held in September, but no definite action was taken in relation to the subject, further than to choose a committee to correspond with Mr. Frost. This committee attended to the duties assigned them, and the following correspondence took place:—

MARLBORO', N.H., Sept. 15, 1865.

RUFUS S. FROST, Esq.:

Dear Sir,—A meeting of the citizens of Marlboro' was holden Wednesday evening to take into consideration the subject of providing a suitable place for the library which, it is understood, you are intending to present to the town. It was not the object of this meeting to take any definite action on the subject, any further than to ascertain more fully the minds of the people here. There was quite a full attendance; and it was the unanimous opinion of those present that the town will, when the matter is formally laid before them, vote to erect a building either independently or in connection with a town hall.

It is not clear in the minds of *all* that it conforms with your wishes to have a building furnished at the expense of the town. Some think you prefer to erect and present the building as a part of the donation.

To learn what, if anything, you would have us do, a committee have been appointed to correspond with you, and are instructed to say to you that a legal town-meeting will be called to act upon any proposition you may make, whenever it shall suit your convenience. Also, can you inform us of the size of the building required, or the size you would build?

Very respectfully yours,

E. O. WOODWARD,
CHARLES E. HOUGHTON, } *Committee.*
CHARLES K. MASON,

BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 20, 1865.

Messrs. E. O. WOODWARD, CHARLES E. HOUGHTON, CHARLES K. MASON,
Committee:

Dear Sirs,—Your esteemed favor of the 15th inst. did not reach me



PROBLYTT, BOSTON, MASS.

FROSTONS.

FROST FREE LIBRARY.

till yesterday; and, in reply, I would say that for over a year I have considered the plan of presenting to my native town a free public library, and have appropriated five thousand dollars for that object, a part of which is to be invested and the income of the same to be expended annually for new books to freshen up the library. This being perpetual, a proper place for such a library had early occupied my attention. With pride and satisfaction, I have seen the good citizens of Marlboro' tax themselves to raise men to carry to a triumphant termination the war thrust upon us by the South. But the Rebellion is now crushed, and, with the glorious success of our arms, we are left with a large debt and heavy taxation, of which I know your patriotic citizens will readily assume their share. Under these circumstances, I could not consent to have any of them feel that their taxes were increased one cent because I had presented the town with a library. It has been suggested to me that a town hall might be built by subscription by some of the citizens (and thus avoid taxation), and that a suitable room in it might be made fire-proof, and the free use of it donated perpetually for the library. But there might be delay in building the town hall, or other difficulties might arise connected with this plan, in which case I should probably contract for a suitable building.

I am pleased to learn from your letter that the citizens of Marlboro', the friends and associates of my honored parents, and also the playmates of my childhood and friends of later years, take so much interest in the library.

I beg to assure them through you that every year's experience in life makes me value more highly the principles taught me by my parents, and love more tenderly Marlboro', their home and the home of their parents.

Truly yours, etc.,

RUFUS S. FROST.

The library building, a handsome, substantial granite structure, having been completed pursuant to the design of Mr. Frost as indicated in the preceding correspondence, and furnished with books to the number of two thousand volumes, the citizens of the town were formally called upon to meet at three o'clock, Monday afternoon, August 26, 1867, to see if they would vote to accept the proffered gift upon such terms as the donor should dictate. Accordingly, at that hour, the library was filled to overflowing by the old and young of the town.

Charles K. Mason, Esq., having been chosen moderator of the meeting, and the divine blessing invoked by Rev.

Irak Taggard, Mr. Frost thus addressed the large assemblage:—

Men, women, and children of my native town, the day which I have been anticipating so long has at length arrived; and it gives me great pleasure to meet you all, and welcome you here.

The great number present indicates the interest you take in *education*, which, with *religion*, must be the foundation of the prosperity of any community.

The facts that my paternal and maternal ancestors lived here from the first settlement of the town; that in 1776 my Great-grandfather Frost and Grandfather Wheeler, with other citizens of the town, signed the agreement to oppose with arms the hostile proceedings of the British; that, when I was four years old, my father (whom I well remember) died here, and, with my eldest sister and most of our ancestors, lies in the old graveyard; that the first six years of my life were spent here, and that I here received at the common school, the Sabbath-school, and from my now sainted mother, the beginning of my education,—these *facts* have rendered this place very dear to my heart.

And, as I have come back to the home of my boyhood from year to year, with my family, to drink in health and enjoyment from these grand old hills and valleys, and seen these stalwart young men and the beautiful young women who are growing up here, I have longed to do something which would add to the attractions of “dear old Marlborough,” and prove a real benefit to all her people. It seemed to me that a *free library* would accomplish these results. In the summer of 1865, I made the first purchase of books, and have been selecting and adding until the present time; and, in everything connected with the library, I have endeavored to act for the town, without regard to denomination or party. I now offer you the property with the following deed:—

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, Rufus S. Frost, of Chelsea, in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of the love and affection which I have to Marlboro', in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, my native town, and in the hope of contributing something to the moral and mental improvement of the present and future inhabitants of said town, do grant, sell, and convey to said town forever the Library Lot and Stone Building thereon, lately erected by me for a Public Library in said town. Said tract of land is bounded as follows: Beginning on the Depot Road at the north-west corner of land of Warren H. Wilkinson, thence northerly on same road to other land of said Wilkinson near the intersection of the roads; thence easterly on a curve on said Wilkinson's land to the highway leading to the Brick Church; thence south-easterly on said highway to a stake in the ground; thence south-westerly on said Wilkinson's land to a stake in the ground; and thence southerly on said Wilk-

inson's land to the place of beginning. Together with all the books, furniture, and other personal property in said building, and all the privileges and appurtenances belonging to said premises, *To have and to hold* the same as and for a Public Library free to all the inhabitants of said town forever.

This conveyance is made for the uses and purposes, and upon the trusts hereinafter expressed, to wit: That the premises shall forever hereafter be used and occupied as a Free Library for the inhabitants of said town, and for no other use or purpose whatever; that the town will permit the general management and control of the grounds, building, library, papers, funds, and property to be in the hands of a *Board of Trustees*, consisting of the Selectmen of the town for the time being, the Clergymen settled or statedly officiating in said town, and three other persons without regard to residence, chosen or appointed as the town may decide from time to time, and for such length of time as the town shall determine, not less than three years: which Board of Trustees are to choose a secretary, and from time to time make all needful rules, regulations, and by-laws for the management of the library and its property. All books hereafter purchased, or received by gift or otherwise for the library, are to be examined by the Trustees or *some* of them, and, if objected to in writing as unfit for the library by any one or more of the Trustees, the book is not to be admitted into the library, but the objection made is to be recorded by the secretary. The town is to see that the property is protected from encroachment and trespass, and that the three Trustees are chosen or appointed, and that the library and all funds given for the purposes of the library are used according to the intention of the donor, under the active management of the Board of Trustees.

Ellen H. Frost, wife of the said Rufus S. Frost, hereby releases all her claim to dower, and other claim to the premises.

Witness our hands and seals this twenty-sixth day of August, A.D. 1867.

RUFUS S. FROST.

ELLEN H. FROST. [L.S.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

WM. P. WHEELER.

VINCENT D. LENT.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, }
CHESHIRE Co., Aug. 26, 1857. }

Personally appeared Rufus S. Frost, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed. Before me,

WM. P. WHEELER,

Justice of the Peace.

"Designing that the taxes of no citizen should be increased because of this gift, I have also laid aside five thousand dollars, the principal to

remain forever intact, the interest to be paid annually to the Trustees to be used to freshen and perpetuate the library. And I have already appointed a trustee to pay over the five thousand dollars to the town at my decease."

The town having formally voted to accept the gift upon the conditions specified, Mr. Frost, addressing Rev. H. P. Osgood of the Board of Trustees, spoke as follows:—

MY DEAR SIR,—The town of Marlborough, by the vote just passed accepting the "Free Library" upon the conditions specified in the deed, has constituted *you* one of its Trustees; and I therefore transfer to you the keys, and joyfully bid God-speed to the work of education and elevation which I trust the library will perform. But I cannot let them pass from my hands without expressing my gratitude to our heavenly Father that no loss of life or limb has been experienced in the construction of the building. I wish also to express my thanks to the builder, Jonathan Jones, Esq., and his assistants, for the substantial manner in which they have accomplished their work; to Samuel Crossfield, Esq., and his assistants, for the workmanlike finish which they have given to the interior; to Warren H. Wilkinson, Esq., for assisting in arranging the boundaries of the land; and to the citizens who have kindly assisted in grading the library-lot. And, sir, Hoping that you and your associates may enjoy dispensing the privileges of the library as much as I have enjoyed in preparing them, I herewith deliver you the keys.

Mr. Osgood, receiving the keys in behalf of the town, responded to the address of Mr. Frost, expressing the profound gratitude of the people of Marlborough to him for the inestimable benefit which, in the exercise of a generosity so discriminating and provident, he had conferred upon them.

At the close of Mr. Osgood's address, an appropriate and fervent dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Giles Lyman, after which the following resolutions were reported by Dr. S. A. Richardson:—

Resolved, That the Hon. Rufus S. Frost, in the gift of a Library so ample in the number of volumes and so rich in varied literature, with a provision for so large additions from year to year, and in the erection of so goodly a structure for its accommodation, shows himself a most worthy son of Marlborough, and merits the warm and lasting gratitude of every citizen of the town.

Resolved, That the town hereby tender to Mr. Frost, and place upon

record, their sincere and hearty thanks for his so liberal and desirable gift.

Resolved, That we will perpetuate the remembrance of this day and its pleasant and profitable associations by giving to this building and Library the name of Frost, and it shall be designated as FROST FREE LIBRARY.

After appropriate remarks by Dr. Richardson, Hon. William P. Wheeler of Keene, and Rev. Mr. Laws, these resolutions were unanimously adopted.

This action was followed by the recitation, in a beautiful and impressive manner, of a neat little poem by Miss Ida Woodward, addressed to Mr. Frost, in behalf of the young folks; and the exercises at the library closed by a benediction.

A procession was then formed, headed by the Keene Brass Band, and marched to the residence of Mr. Samuel Allison, on whose grounds was spread a most bountiful and tastefully arranged collation provided by the ladies of Marlborough. The collation was followed by pertinent sentiments and animated speeches, interspersed with appropriate music.

In the evening, many citizens having assembled at the residence of Mr. Frost, fireworks were displayed and a collation served. Impromptu bonfires sprung up on various eminences throughout the town, expressive of the gratified and jubilant feelings of the people; and so, merrily and happily, closed a day which will ever form a bright spot in the annals of Marlborough.

In November, Elijah Boyden, Esq., having been chosen librarian, the library was open to the public. Mr. Boyden held the office until August, 1872, when he resigned; and Charles A. Bemis was chosen, and holds the position at the present time.

Additions have been made to the books from time to time, and they now number over three thousand volumes.

ODD FELLOWS:*

PAQUOIG LODGE, No. 50, I.O.O.F.

In the year 1868, five Odd Fellows residing in Marlborough, and members of Beaver Brook Lodge in Keene, petitioned to the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire for a charter to institute a new lodge in Marlborough, to be called Paquoig Lodge. A charter was granted, and the lodge was numbered 50, of the Order in the State. And on the 13th of January, 1869, the Most Worthy Grand Master, Charles H. Brown, assisted by brothers of Beaver Brook Lodge, instituted Paquoig Lodge, with the following charter members:—

Nelson Converse.	Charles Buss.
Charles O. Whitney.	Luther G. Bemis.
George Tilden.	Solon W. Stone.
William Collins.	Charles Stay.
Martin J. Buss.	F. R. Thurston.
E. O. Woodward.	James Knowlton.

These twelve Odd Fellows were at the time members of Beaver Brook Lodge, and withdrew to institute the new lodge in Marlborough, they all living in Marlborough at that time.

Odd Fellowship in Marlborough dates back to the year 1850. Col. Nelson Converse joined Beaver Brook Lodge in that year; and soon after Asa Maynard, F. R. Thurston, L. N. Converse, L. Hemenway, and Horace Bucklin of Marlborough joined the lodge at Keene. But the war of the Rebellion soon came on, and Odd Fellowship was nearly dead in this section of the State, Beaver Brook Lodge coming very near giving up its charter. After the close of the war, the Order commenced to grow with a new interest, and these other charter members joined the Order at Keene.

The first lodge of Odd Fellows in New Hampshire was Granite Lodge, No. 1, at Nashua, instituted Sept. 11, 1843. The first lodge in the United States was Washington Lodge, instituted in Baltimore, April 26, 1819.

* Sketch furnished by Luther Hemenway, Esq.

The first officers of Paquoig Lodge, who were installed Jan. 13, 1869, were: N.G., Nelson Converse; V.G., William Collins; R.S., Luther G. Bemis; P.S., George F. Buss; T., James Knowlton; W., Charles Buss; C., Charles O. Whitney; I.G., Charles Stay; R.S. to N.G., George Smith; L.S. to N.G., L. Hemenway; R.S. to V.G., E. O. Woodward; L.S. to V.G., M. D. Gay; R.S.S., George Tilden; L.S.S., Solon W. Stone; P.G., F. R. Thurston; Rev. H. P. Osgood acting as chaplain, who was succeeded before the close of the term by Rev. D. S. Dexter.

The lodge first met, and was instituted in the hall over the Universalist Church, which had been secured by a lease for the term of five years. The hall had previously been altered and fitted up with two anterooms at an expense of some four hundred and forty dollars, which was assumed and paid by the lodge. The hall for the first year was used by the society of Good Templers, they hiring it of the lodge.

The lodge continued to hold its meetings in this hall until the first of April, 1875. At the expiration of the lease of the hall for five years, and as an effort to obtain a new lease for another term of years at a satisfactory price failed, the lodge decided to see if some other place could not be procured for their use. Not finding a suitable one, the lodge voted to build a hall that would be better arranged to meet their wants.

The lodge first bought Rev. S. Law's house; but, after some investigation as to expense in building on that lot, they concluded to sell it, and did so at some advance over what they paid. On Sept. 7, 1874, the lodge, through a committee consisting of Charles O. Whitney, James Knowlton, and Nelson Converse, bought of Mr. E. O. Woodward the vacant lot of land north of the Stone Store; also a small piece adjoining, of E. Fitch.

The lodge then chose A. A. Adams, C. O. Whitney, James Knowlton, L. Hemenway, and C. H. Thurston a building committee to proceed at once to build on the newly acquired land the present ODD FELLOWS' BUILDING.

The stone masonry, digging the cellar, and fitting up the grounds, were done by J. & L. Knowlton. The wood-work, chimneys, plastering, and painting were contracted to and completed by A. R. & E. S. Foster of Keene. The building is of wood above the basement (which is of stone), thirty-four feet by fifty feet, two stories with a French roof. The first floor is finished and occupied as two stores; the second, a jeweller's store, barber's shop, and a tenement for one family; and the third story is finished and fitted up for a hall for the lodge with two good-sized anterooms.

On the first of April, 1875, the hall was completed, and the lodge moved in, and held its first meeting of the month in their new hall; and on the second day of June next it was dedicated according to the usages and work of the Order, the Most Worthy Grand Master, Samuel J. Osgood, presiding, assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge and brothers from Manchester, Peterboro', and Keene.

The lodge continued to grow and increase from the first twelve charter members till it numbered in three years over fifty, and has continued to number from fifty to sixty members up to the present time.

The following is a list of the Noble Grands, or the highest office in the lodge, each serving one term of six months:—

- 1869.—Nelson Converse, William Collins.
- 1870.—Charles Buss, Charles O. Whitney.
- 1871.—George F. Buss, Charles A. Howard.
- 1872.—Luke Knowlton, Jr., Luther G. Bemis.
- 1873.—Luther Hemenway, James Knowlton.
- 1874.—A. A. Adams, Mason L. White.
- 1875.—George L. Fairbanks, Alvin K. Martin.
- 1876.—Bradley E. Wright, Oren S. Adams.
- 1877.—Ivory E. Gates, S. Emerson Partridge.
- 1878.—Charles Stay, William W. Applin.

CEMETERIES.

No sooner had the pioneer inhabitants of Marlborough become permanently settled, than they, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, began to look for

a proper place in which to bury their dead. Accordingly, in 1767, a committee of five men was chosen, "to fix a place for a Burying Yard, viz: Benjamin Tucker, Daniel Goodenow, William Barker, Joseph Collins, and Thomas Riggs." But it seems this committee failed to perform the duties assigned them; for at a meeting in January, 1770, this committee was dismissed, and it was voted that "Benjamin Tucker, Joseph Collins, and David Warren be a committee to loock out a Buring place."

The spot selected by this committee was the one now occupied by the old cemetery at the middle of the town. This was probably chosen on account of its adjoining the lot on which the meeting-house was to be built; for in those days it was customary to locate the burying-yard as near the meeting-house as it could be with propriety.

We have no record when the first death occurred in the township; but the earliest date we have of one is about 1772, when a child of Jonathan Shaw died, and was buried only a short distance from Mr. Shaw's house. In the course of a few years, other persons who died in that neighborhood were interred there; but, as no gravestones were ever erected to their memory, we have no means of knowing who they were.

The custom of burying the dead on the home farm prevailed to a considerable extent among the early settlers, owing to the fact that the roads were but little better than bridle-paths through the woods, and there was no way in which to convey dead bodies, except to carry them on the clumsy, old-fashioned bier. Thus we find graves scattered here and there on our hillsides, the last resting-place of many who have helped form and mould into shape the institutions of this town. Often the plough in the hands of some thoughtless proprietor has levelled these little mounds, so that their exact locality can no longer be pointed out.

There is no tradition to tell us who was the first person interred in the old burying-yard, and there are no gravestones which date back earlier than 1777, the first being that of an infant son of Col. Richard and Mrs. Sybil Roberts,

which bears the date of April 23, 1777. There were also two children of Ebenezer and Sarah Rhodes, that died the same year. A little to the right of the centre of the yard is a stone with the following inscription: "Mrs. Submit Sanderson, wife of Lieut. Colman Sanderson, died Oct. 9, 1781, aged twenty-eight years." This we are informed was the first adult person buried in the yard.

In 1785, William Barker, the first settler of the town, deeded to the town one acre of land to be used as a public burying-ground. This yard is located in the north part of Troy village, falling within the limits of that town at its incorporation in 1815.

In 1793, Daniel Emerson gave the town one-half acre of land in the north part of the town for a "burying-place." And Mr. Emerson, in order, as it would seem, to perpetuate the memory of this gift, ordered to be placed on his gravestone the following epitaph:—

"This land I cleared is now my grave.
Think well, my friends, how you behave."

The first person interred in this yard, it is said, was John Lewis, who died Feb. 21, 1793. This yard has been used chiefly by the inhabitants of the north part of the town and those residing in the north-west part of Dublin, now West Harrisville.

The burying-ground near Mr. Esty's was set apart for that purpose at an early date. The first person interred there was Mary, wife of John Harvey, Jr., who died in 1785. An infant child of John and Mary Harvey was also buried there about the same time. This yard is now chiefly used for the burial of strangers and paupers.

GRANITEVILLE CEMETERY was laid out in the year 1852 by Asa Greenwood who foreseeing that a new cemetery would soon be needed selected the site, laid out, and fenced the same with a good substantial iron fence. The ground was divided into sixty-four lots which were sold at twelve dollars per lot.

This cemetery was consecrated Oct. 20, 1852. The following is a copy of a hymn written for the occasion by Miss A. A. Morton:—

HYMN.

We consecrate this chosen spot
 For chambers of repose,
 Where human forms may rest, nor feel
 The weight of human woes.

No gloomy fear, no chilling dread,
 Shall haunt this calm retreat,
 But forms imbued with life and hope
 Shall here our presence greet.

Affection's hand around the grave
 Shall gather trees and flowers,
 To beautify and cheer the place
 Through all save wintry hours.

Here would we bring our cherished dead,
 And lay them 'neath the sod,
 While Faith's sweet voice says, "Dust to dust,
 The spirit to its God."

Here we would lie when Death's pale hand
 Life's silver cord has riven,
 And opened for our waiting souls
 The shining gates of heaven.

Our Father, bless this sacred rite,
 Impart thy genial grace,
 And fit us for that better land
 Where is no burial-place.

Sarah, daughter of Nelson and Sally (Jones) Converse, who died April 26, 1853, was the first person buried in this cemetery. So rapidly have the lots been taken up that within a few years two additions have been made to the original yard. The whole is finely arranged, and presents an attractive appearance. Much credit is due to the ladies who have formed a society for the purpose of keeping this cemetery in repair. In this work, they are aided by a portion of the interest accruing from two hundred dollars bequeathed to the town by the late Jedediah T. Collins for the purpose of keeping the four cemeteries in repair.

SEXTONS.

Since 1778, the following persons have served as sextons:—

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| 1778.—John Felton.
Richard Tozer. | 1800.—William Tenney, Jr. |
| 1780.—John Felton.
Richard Roberts. | 1801.—Oliver Wright. |
| 1781.—John Felton.
Richard Tozer. | 1802.—Oliver Wright. |
| 1782.—John Felton. | 1803.—William Tenney, Jr. |
| 1783.—John Felton.
Richard Roberts. | 1804.—William Tenney, Jr.
Elias Hemenway. |
| 1784.—Richard Tozer. | 1805.—Elias Hemenway.
William Tenney, Jr. |
| 1785.—Richard Tozer. | 1806.—Elias Hemenway. |
| 1786.—Richard Tozer.
John Felton. | 1807.—William Tenney, Jr.
Elias Hemenway. |
| 1787.—Richard Tozer.
Coleman Sanderson. | 1808.—William Tenney.
Elias Hemenway. |
| 1788.—Richard Tozer.
Ebenezer ——. | 1809.—William Tenney.
Elias Hemenway. |
| 1789.—Richard Tozer.
Coleman Sanderson. | 1810.—Ebenezer Hemenway.
William Tenney. |
| 1790.—Coleman Sanderson.
Richard Tozer. | 1811.—William Tenney.
Elias Hemenway. |
| 1791.—Richard Tozer.
James Dean. | 1812.—William Tenney.
Elias Hemenway. |
| 1792.—Richard Tozer. | 1813.—William Tenney.
Joseph Cutting.
Ebenezer Hemenway. |
| 1793.—Richard Tozer.
William Barker.
Daniel Cummings. | 1814.—William Tenney.
Luke Harris.
Ebenezer Hemenway. |
| 1794.—Richard Tozer.
Daniel Emerson.
Ebenezer Bacon. | 1815.—William Tenney, Jr.
Luke Harris.
Ebenezer Hemenway. |
| 1795.—Richard Tozer.
Ebenezer Bacon.
Ebenezer Hemenway. | 1816.—William Tenney.
Ebenezer Hemenway. |
| 1796.—Ebenezer Bacon.
Richard Tozer.
Daniel Emerson. | 1817.—William Tenney, Jr.
Ebenezer Hemenway. |
| 1797.—————. | 1818.—John Lane.
Daniel Emerson, Jr. |
| 1798.—William Tenney, Jr. | 1819.—William Tenney, Jr.
Daniel Emerson, Jr. |
| 1799.—William Tenney, Jr. | 1820.—George Lane. |

- 1820.— Daniel Emerson, Jr.
Elijah Gates.
- 1821.— George H. Lane.
Daniel Emerson, Jr.
Elijah Gates.
- 1822.— George H. Lane.
Daniel Emerson, Jr.
Levi Thatcher.
- 1823.— Luke Blodgett.
Daniel Emerson, Jr.
Levi Thatcher.
- 1824.— Luke Blodgett.
Winsor Gates.
Daniel Emerson, Jr.
- 1825.— Luke Blodgett.
Levi Thatcher.
Daniel Emerson, Jr.
- 1826.— Luke Blodgett.
Levi Thatcher.
Daniel Emerson.
- 1827.— Luke Blodgett.
Levi Thatcher.
Daniel Emerson, Jr.
- 1828.— Levi Thatcher.
Silas McColester.
Luke Blodgett.
- 1829.— Luke Blodgett.
Levi Thatcher.
Daniel Emerson, Jr.
- 1830.— Luke Blodgett.
Levi Thatcher.
Daniel Emerson, Jr.
- 1831.— Luke Blodgett.
Levi Thatcher.
Daniel Emerson.
- 1832.— Luke Blodgett.
Levi Thatcher.
Daniel Emerson.
- 1833.— William Tenney.
Levi Thatcher.
Daniel Emerson.
- 1834.— Luke Blodgett.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1835.— Luke Blodgett.
- 1835.— Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1836.— Luther Hemenway.
Charles Gilbert.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1837.— Luther Hemenway.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1838.— Luther Hemenway.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1839.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1840.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1841.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1842.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Thorley Collester.
- 1843.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1844.— Josiah Woodward.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1845.— Josiah Woodward.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1846.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1847.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1848.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1849.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1850.— John M. Davis,

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| 1850.— Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick. | 1859.— Luke Blodgett.
Levi Thatcher. |
| 1851.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick. | Darius Richardson.
1860.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher. |
| 1852.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Darius Richardson. | Darius Richardson.
1861.— Darius Richardson.
Levi Thatcher. |
| 1853.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Jeremiah Herrick. | Benjamin Whitney.
1862.— Jairus Collins.
Darius Richardson. |
| 1854.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Darius Richardson. | 1863.— Jairus Collins.
Darius Richardson. |
| 1855.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Darius Richardson. | 1864.— Jairus Collins.
Darius Richardson. |
| 1856.— Emery Cudworth.
Darius Richardson.
Levi Thatcher. | 1865.— Jairus Collins.
Darius Richardson. |
| 1857.— Emery Cudworth.
Levi Thatcher.
Darius Richardson. | 1866.— Jairus Collins.
Darius Richardson. |
| 1858.— Aaron Stone.
Darius Richardson. | 1867.— Jairus Collins.
Darius Richardson. |
| | 1868.— Jairus Collins, who has held
the office from that time to
the present. |

MORTUARY RECORD.—A record of deaths was kept by Rev. Halloway Fish and his successors, from Jan. 1, 1793, to Jan. 1, 1841; and from that date up to the present time by Jairus Collins, Esq. And from these sources we learn that up to Jan. 1, 1880, there have been twelve hundred and sixty-six deaths.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Year.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Year.</i>	<i>No.</i>
1794, . . .	12	1804, . . .	15	1814, . . .	25
1795, . . .	9	1805, . . .	14	1815, . . .	19
1796, . . .	21	1806, . . .	17	1816, . . .	16
1797, . . .	17	1807, . . .	12	1817, . . .	15
1798, . . .	4	1808, . . .	15	1818, . . .	8
1799, . . .	12	1809, . . .	14	1819, . . .	8
1800, . . .	9	1810, . . .	10	1820, . . .	14
1801, . . .	12	1811, . . .	11	1821, . . .	13
1802, . . .	7	1812, . . .	9	1822, . . .	16
1803, . . .	9	1813, . . .	16	1823, . . .	14

<i>Year.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Year.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Year.</i>	<i>No.</i>
1824, . . .	12	1843, . . .	18	1862, . . .	17
1825, . . .	13	1844, . . .	7	1863, . . .	33
1826, . . .	13	1845, . . .	18	1864, . . .	25
1827, . . .	14	1846, . . .	9	1865, . . .	21
1828, . . .	13	1847, . . .	11	1866, . . .	14
1829, . . .	13	1848, . . .	9	1867, . . .	19
1830, . . .	7	1849, . . .	20	1868, . . .	18
1831, . . .	13	1850, . . .	8	1869, . . .	19
1832, . . .	8	1851, . . .	16	1870, . . .	11
1833, . . .	9	1852, . . .	15	1871, . . .	18
1834, . . .	7	1853, . . .	11	1872, . . .	19
1835, . . .	11	1854, . . .	28	1873, . . .	20
1836, . . .	9	1855, . . .	8	1874, . . .	13
1837, . . .	23	1856, . . .	17	1875, . . .	23
1838, . . .	12	1857, . . .	14	1876, . . .	18
1839, . . .	17	1858, . . .	11	1877, . . .	19
1840, . . .	18	1859, . . .	18	1878, . . .	17
1841, . . .	14	1860, . . .	14	1879, . . .	30
1842, . . .	18	1861, . . .	23		

From the following record, we learn that the number of persons dying in this town since Nov. 24, 1808, eighty or more years of age, has been one hundred and thirty-two; above eighty-five, sixty-eight; above ninety, twenty-eight; and above ninety-five, eight:—

Nov. 24,	1808,	Josiah Farrar,	87
Feb. 10,	1810,	Hannah Farrar, widow of Josiah Farrar,	87
May 25,	1811,	Ephraim Root, Esq.,	85
Nov. 3,	1815,	Israel Richardson,	87
Jan. 23,	1816,	Mrs. Parkhurst,	80
March 21,	1816,	Widow White,	84
Feb. 9,	1817,	Eliphalet Stone,	82
May 9,	1817,	Richard Tozer,	84
March 29,	1819,	Widow Harvey,	90
April 19,	1819,	Widow Abigail Whittaker,	96
Jan. 8,	1820,	William White,	83
July 10,	1820,	Lydia (Goodale) White, widow of Wm. White,	80
Aug. 28,	1820,	Elizabeth (Rogers) Tucker, wife of Abijah,	94
March 18,	1821,	Lydia (Goddard) Stone, widow of Eliphalet,	84
Sept. 20,	1821,	Widow Sarah Sampson,	89
Feb. 14,	1823,	Theodore Mann,	81
July 4,	1825,	Ebenezer Rhodes,	80
Dec. 31,	1825,	Widow Betsey (Flood) Spaulding,	80

June 4,	1827,	John Rogers,	80
Dec. 21,	1828,	Abijah Tucker,	89
July 11,	1829,	Daniel Emerson,	82
March 27,	1831,	Mehitable (Jones) Tenney, widow of William, . . .	81
March,	1832,	Josiah Parkhurst,	95
May 17,	1833,	Widow Abigail Emerson,	87
June 28,	1836,	Miriam (Wheeler) Richardson, widow of Israel, . .	90
Sept. 14,	1836,	Aseneth (Rice) Hastings, wife of Thaddeus, . . .	85
Feb. 25,	1837,	Lois (Johnson) Wright, widow of Oliver,	92
April 24,	1837,	Mrs. Mary Buss, widow of John,	90
Aug. 25,	1838,	Hugh Mason,	80
	1838,	Mrs. Goodenow, widow of Benjamin,	85
Nov. 30,	1839,	Thaddeus Hastings,	95
July 23,	1839,	Luke Newton,	84
Oct. 27,	1839,	Ebenezer Hemenway,	80
April 12,	1840,	Queen Harrington,	90
Dec. 2,	1840,	Tabitha (Willson) Baker, widow of Jonadab, . . .	80
April 1,	1841,	Phinehas Farrar,	93
Jan. 7,	1842,	Ebenezer Herrick,	83
June 29,	1842,	Mary (Maynard) Taynter, widow of Jedediah, . . .	91
Feb. 9,	1843,	Aaron Willard,	85
Oct. 2,	1843,	Abigail Worsley, wife of Robert,	95
Dec. 10,	1843,	David Wilkinson,	81
March 25,	1844,	Hannah (Adams) Sargent, widow of Samuel, . . .	89
Feb. 17,	1845,	Lovina (Warren) Farrar, widow of Phinehas, . . .	92
Dec.,	1846,	Gratia Mann,	80
Dec. 20,	1847,	Lawson Moore,	91
June 16,	1848,	Samuel Colleston,	81
April 9,	1849,	Jacob Woodward,	87
Sept. 22,	1849,	John Converse,	82
Oct. 1,	1849,	Bezaleel Baker,	81
April 10,	1850,	Benjamin Thatcher,	90
Jan. 7,	1851,	Lydia (Matthews) Collins, widow of Samuel, . . .	89
June 7,	1851,	Rath (Tower) Parmenter, widow of Thaddeus, . . .	87
July 5,	1851,	Widow Morse,	80
Oct. 6,	1851,	Mrs. Atwood,	84
Oct. 20,	1851,	Jonathan Frost,	87
Jan. 31,	1852,	Mrs. Lydia Knight,	84
March 21,	1852,	Martha (Clark) Tolman, widow of Joseph,	89
June 27,	1852,	Capt. Benjamin Whitney,	82
Sept. 22,	1852,	Miriam (Newton) Newton, widow of Luther, . . .	88
	1852,	Mrs. Howard,	84
Sept. 24,	1852,	Mrs. Hobert,	87
Nov. 30,	1852,	Asa Porter,	96
Sept. 2,	1853,	Mercy (Totman) Woodward, widow of Jacob, . . .	96

Sept. 30,	1853,	Mrs. Noyes, the mother of Mrs. James Farrar, . . .	86
Feb. 5,	1854,	Silence (Belknap) Collester, widow of Samuel, . . .	84
Feb. 7,	1854,	Mrs. Mary Ward,	82
Feb. 10,	1854,	Mrs. Emerson,	82
July 16,	1854,	Widow Lucy Larrabee,	83
Oct. 18,	1854,	Ruth (Gates) Hemenway, widow of Ebenezer, . . .	87
Sept. 20,	1855,	Nancy (Fuller) Whitney, widow of Benjamin, . . .	88
July 27,	1856,	Mrs. Scripture,	80
May 18,	1856,	Catharine Hiscock,	81
Sept. 4,	1856,	Molly (Patterson) Hemenway, widow of Elias, . . .	93
Oct. 23,	1856,	Delilah (Rhodes) Bemis, widow of Jonathan, . . .	84
Dec. 29,	1856,	Lydia (Collester) Cummings, widow of Daniel, . . .	85
Jan. 12,	1857,	Dorcas (Farnsworth) Gates, widow of Elijah, . . .	87
Nov. 16,	1857,	Eliza Knight,	86
Feb. 27,	1860,	William White,	87
March 23,	1860,	John Towns,	82
May 24,	1860,	Samuel Jones,	82
Feb. 17,	1861,	Jedediah Putney,	85
July 8,	1861,	Esther (Maynard) White, widow of William, . . .	91
Nov. 7,	1861,	Ebenezer Coburn,	81
March 23,	1862,	Zeuriah (Capron) (Converse) White, widow of Enoch,	81
Apr. 10,	1862,	Abigail (Wood) Baker, widow of Bezaleel, . . .	91
Aug. 6,	1862,	Relief (Sawyer) Holman, widow of Esq. Charles, . . .	90
Oct. 12,	1862,	Betsey Carlton,	96
March 29,	1863,	Dea. Andrew Spooner,	82
May 3,	1863,	Ruth (Allen) Wilkinson, widow of David, . . .	95
Dec. 28,	1863,	William Farrar,	81
May 21,	1864,	James Wakefield, Esq.,	82
July 22,	1864,	Hannah Mason,	80
Nov. 24,	1864,	Mary (Tayntor) Wiswall, widow of Major John, . . .	89
Jan. 4,	1865,	Mrs. Howes,	84
Jan. 27,	1865,	Aaron Buss,	85
Apr. 12,	1865,	Rebecca (Metcalf) White, wife of Thomas, . . .	81
July 30,	1865,	Sarah French,	92
Oct. 16,	1865,	Thomas White,	82
Dec. 8,	1867,	Widow Lydia (Richardson) Lowell,	83
Feb. 22,	1868,	Silas Collins,	81
Dec. 14,	1868,	Major Thomas Tolman,	85
March 18,	1869,	Keziah Brooks,	81
Nov. 25,	1870,	Joseph Carter,	83
March 27,	1871,	Nathan E. Wild, Esq.,	92
Aug. 16,	1871,	Eunice (Porter) Wild, widow of Nathan, . . .	87
Aug. 21,	1871,	Anna (Pratt) (Lawrence) Willard, widow of Aaron, . . .	94
Aug. 30,	1871,	Polly (Converse) Holman, widow of Charles, . . .	80

Oct. 16,	1871,	Luke Blodgett,	85
Nov. 20,	1873,	Sally Merriam, wife of Zadock,	84
May 3,	1874,	Lois White, wife of Porter,	84
May 17,	1874,	Widow Rhoda Stone,	88
Jan. 21,	1875,	Betsey (Herrick) Russell, widow of Abner,	80
Aug. 5,	1875,	Winsor Gates,	81
Nov. 14,	1875,	Mrs. Nancy Fairbanks,	80
Jan. 26,	1876,	Zoa (Noyes) Farrar, widow of Dea. James,	80
March 29,	1876,	Moses Hunt,	87
Apr. 8,	1876,	Sally (Lincoln) Whitcomb, widow of Dea. Simeon,	83
Aug. 3,	1876,	Lucy (Collins) Collins, widow of Artemas,	85
Oct. 30,	1876,	Lovisa (Converse) Buss, widow of John,	82
Nov. 2,	1876,	Jonas Woodward,	84
Nov. 15,	1876,	Jethro Coombs,	86
Jan. 9,	1877,	Jeremiah Herrick,	80
Jan. 17,	1877,	Hannah (Greenwood) Twitchell,	85
March 1,	1877,	Olive (Parmenter) Woodward, widow of Josiah,	80
Aug. 11,	1877,	Lucy Hunt, widow of Moses,	85
Aug. 24,	1877,	Silas Whitcomb,	80
May 4,	1878,	Sally Allison,	91
Feb. 7,	1879,	Caty (Woodward) Thatcher, wife of Elias,	91
Feb. 8,	1879,	Elias Thatcher,	86
Nov. 3,	1879,	David Wilkinson,	80
Nov. 4,	1879,	Calvin Tenney,	86
Nov. 11,	1879,	Zadock Merriam,	87

The following persons above eighty years of age were residing in town Jan. 1, 1880: Benjamin Tilden, born in Marshfield, Mass., Dec. 14, 1785; Sally (Wright) Griffin, widow of the late Nathan Griffin of Nelson, born in Nelson, Dec. 24, 1786; Dolphus Bixby, born in Hillsborough, Jan. 7, 1790; Sarah (Wilkinson) Davis, widow of Jonah Davis, born in Marlborough, Oct. 29, 1790; Samuel Allison, born in Dublin, March 20, 1795; Col. Cyrus Frost, born in Marlborough, Sept. 25, 1795; Clarissa (Johnson) (Stebbins) Lawrence, widow of Capt. Asa Lawrence of Roxbury, born in Bolton, Conn., Jan. 25, 1796; Levi Thatcher, born in Marlborough, Dec. 6, 1796; Caroline (Richardson) Frost, wife of Col. Cyrus Frost, born in Dublin, May 22, 1797; Abraham Corey, born in Richmond, May 10, 1798; Cyrus Thatcher, born in Marlborough, May 9, 1799; Permilla (Porter) Gates, widow of Levi Gates, born in Marlborough, June 15, 1799.

TOWN OFFICERS.

- 1777.—Moderator, Thomas Riggs; Clerk, David Wheeler; Selectmen, James Lewis, Eliphalet Stone, Richard Tozer.
- 1778.—Moderator, Richard Atwell; Clerk, David Wheeler; Selectmen, Richard Atwell, David Wheeler, Oliver Wright.
- 1779.—Moderator, Oliver Wright; Clerk, David Wheeler; Selectmen, James Lewis, David Wheeler, Oliver Wright.
- 1780.—Moderator, William Barker; Clerk, Oliver Wright; Selectmen, William Barker, Joseph Collins, Benoni Robbins.
- 1781.—Moderator, Jedediah Tayntor; Clerk, Oliver Wright; Selectmen, Oliver Wright, Samuel Sargent, Jedediah Tayntor, Samuel Soper, David Wheeler.
- 1782.—Moderator, James Brewer; Clerk, Oliver Wright; Selectmen, James Brewer, James Flood, Silas Fife, Ebenezer Temple, Daniel Cutting.
- 1783.—Moderator, David Wheeler; Clerk, Oliver Wright; Selectmen, Reuben Ward, Phinehas Farrar, Alexander Parkman, Thomas Upham, Joseph Blood.
- 1784.—Moderator, David Wheeler; Clerk, Oliver Wright; Selectmen, Phinehas Farrar, Thomas Thompson, Oliver Wright.
- 1785.—Moderator, Phinehas Farrar; Clerk, James Brewer; Selectmen, James Brewer, Phinehas Farrar, David Wheeler. Representative, Alexander Parkman.
- 1786.—Moderator, Oliver Wright; Clerk, Jonathan Whipple; Selectmen, Oliver Wright, Eliphalet Stone, Abijah Tucker.
- 1787.—Moderator, Oliver Wright; Clerk, Jonathan Whipple; Selectmen, Oliver Wright, Joseph Collins, Daniel Cutting. Representative, Jedediah Tayntor.
- 1788.—Moderator, Oliver Wright; Clerk, Justus Perry; Selectmen, Oliver Wright, Ebenezer Temple, Jonathan Whipple. Representative, Jedediah Tayntor.
- 1789.—Moderator, Phinehas Farrar; Clerk, Jonathan Whipple; Selectmen, Ebenezer Temple, Phinehas Farrar, Eliphalet Stone.
- 1790.—Moderator, Eliphalet Stone; Clerk, Phinehas Farrar; Selectmen, Silas Fife, Daniel Cutting, Moses Tucker.
- 1791.—Moderator, David Wheeler; Clerk, Oliver Wright; Selectmen, Oliver Wright, Joseph Frost, Calvin Stone.
- 1792.—Moderator, Phinehas Farrar; Clerk, Oliver Wright; Selectmen, Oliver Wright, Phinehas Farrar, Silas Fife.
- 1793.—Moderator, Richard Roberts; Clerk, Ebenezer Temple; Selectmen, Reuben Ward, Andrew Phillips, Moses Tucker. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1794.—Moderator, Reuben Ward; Clerk, Ebenezer Temple; Selectmen, Ebenezer Temple, Jonadab Baker, Phinehas Farrar. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.

- 1795.—Moderator, Phinehas Farrar; Clerk, Calvin Stone; Selectmen, Calvin Stone, Phinehas Farrar, Jonadab Baker. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1796.—Moderator, Phinehas Farrar; Clerk, Calvin Stone; Selectmen, Phinehas Farrar, Hugh Mason, Benjamin Whitney. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1797.—Moderator, Phinehas Farrar; Clerk, Ebenezer Temple; Selectmen, Phinehas Farrar, Hugh Mason, Benjamin Whitney. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1798.—Moderator, Hugh Mason; Clerk, Ebenezer Temple; Selectmen, Ebenezer Temple, Joseph Frost, David Wheeler, Phinehas Farrar, Gideon Newton. Representative, Jedediah Tayntor.
- 1799.—Moderator, Phinehas Farrar; Clerk, Ebenezer Temple; Selectmen, Phinehas Farrar, Joseph Frost, Ebenezer Temple.
- 1800.—Moderator, Joseph Frost; Clerk, Ebenezer Temple; Selectmen, Joseph Frost, Ebenezer Temple, Amos Cummings. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1801.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Ebenezer Temple; Selectmen, Ebenezer Temple, Joseph Frost, Benjamin Whitney. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1802.—Moderator, Phinehas Farrar; Clerk, Levi Gates; Selectmen, Levi Gates, Phinehas Farrar, William Banks. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1803.—Moderator, Phinehas Farrar; Clerk, Levi Gates; Selectmen, Levi Gates, Phinehas Farrar, William Banks. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1804.—Moderator, Joseph Frost; Clerk, Levi Gates; Selectmen, Levi Gates, Phinehas Farrar, William Banks. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1805.—Moderator, Joseph Frost; Clerk, Benjamin Whitney; Selectmen, Benjamin Whitney, Phinehas Farrar, William Banks. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1806.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Benjamin Whitney; Selectmen, Benjamin Whitney, Jonathan Frost, William Banks. Representative, Col. Joseph Frost.
- 1807.—Moderator, Col. Joseph Frost; Clerk, Benjamin Whitney; Selectmen, Benjamin Whitney, Phinehas Farrar, Jonathan Frost. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1808.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Benjamin Whitney; Selectmen, Benjamin Whitney, Phinehas Farrar, Jonathan Frost. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1809.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Benjamin Whitney; Selectmen, Benjamin Whitney, Col. Joseph Frost, Jonathan Frost. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1810.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Benjamin Whitney; Selectmen, Benjamin Whitney, Col. Joseph Frost, Jonathan Frost. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.

- 1811.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Levi Gates; Selectmen, Levi Gates, Phinehas Farrar, Maj. John Wiswall. Representative Phinehas Farrar.
- 1812.—Moderator, Hugh Mason; Clerk, Benjamin Whitney; Selectmen, Col. Joseph Frost, Jonathan Frost, Caleb Perry. Representative, Phinehas Farrar.
- 1813.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Jonathan Frost; Selectmen, Jonathan Frost, Col. Joseph Frost, Daniel Cutting. Representative, Col. Joseph Frost.
- 1814.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Jonathan Frost; Selectmen, Jonathan Frost, Col. Joseph Frost, Maj. John Wiswall. Representative, Col. Joseph Frost.
- 1815.—Moderator, Hugh Mason; Clerk, Jonathan Frost; Selectmen, Maj. John Wiswall, Hugh Mason, Daniel Cutting. Representative, Phillips Sweetser.
- 1816.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Jonathan Frost; Selectmen, Jonathan Frost, Hugh Mason, Maj. John Wiswall. Representative, Phillips Sweetser.
- 1817.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Jonathan Frost; Selectmen, Jonathan Frost, Levi Gates, Hugh Mason. Representative, Col. Joseph Frost.
- 1818.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Jonathan Frost; Selectmen, Jonathan Frost, Levi Gates, Thomas Tolman. Representative, Col. Joseph Frost.
- 1819.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Levi Gates; Selectmen, Levi Gates, Thomas Tolman, Maj. John Wiswall. Representative, Levi Gates.
- 1820.—Moderator, Hugh Mason; Clerk, Levi Gates; Selectmen, Levi Gates, Maj. John Wiswall, Abner Boyden. Representative, Levi Gates.
- 1821.—Moderator, Shubael Stone; Clerk, Levi Gates; Selectmen, Levi Gates, Abner Boyden, Maj. John Wiswall. Representative, Col. Joseph Frost.
- 1822.—Moderator, Oliver Boyden; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Abner Boyden, Hugh Mason, Charles Holman. Representative, Col. Joseph Frost.
- 1823.—Moderator, Hugh Mason; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Abner Boyden, Hugh Mason, Charles Holman. Representative, Levi Gates.
- 1824.—Moderator, Col. Joseph Frost; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Abner Boyden, Charles Holman, Samuel Gage. Representative, Col. Joseph Frost.
- 1825.—Moderator, Jesse Stone; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Abner Boyden, Charles Holman, Levi Gates, Jr. Representative, Joseph Frost,

- 1826.—Moderator, John Wiswall; Clerk, Asa Frost; Selectmen, Asa Frost, Abner Boyden, John Wiswall. Representative, Col. Joseph Frost.
- 1827.—Moderator, Joseph Frost, Jr.; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Abner Boyden, Charles Holman, Levi Gates, Jr. Representative, Joseph Frost.
- 1828.—Moderator, Joseph Frost, Jr.; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Abner Boyden, Levi Gates, Jr., Amos Sargent. Representative, Joseph Frost.
- 1829.—Moderator, Joseph Frost, Jr.; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Abner Boyden, Levi Gates, Jr., Amos Sargent. Representative, Col. Joseph Frost.
- 1830.—Moderator, Jonah Davis; Clerk, Levi Gates, Jr.; Selectmen, Levi Gates, Jr., Abner Boyden, Eber Tenney. Representative, Abner Boyden.
- 1831.—Moderator, Jonah Davis; Clerk, Levi Gates, Jr.; Selectmen, Levi Gates, Jr., Abner Boyden, Amos Sargent. Representative, Abner Boyden.
- 1832.—Moderator, Charles Holman, Jr.; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Abner Boyden, Levi Gates, Amos Sargent. Representative, Levi Gates.
- 1833.—Moderator, William Tenney; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Abner Boyden, Daniel Emerson, Charles Holman. Representative, Benjamin Whitney, Jr.
- 1834.—Moderator, Jonah Davis; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Daniel, Emerson, Benjamin Whitney, Jr., Asa Frost. Representative, Benjamin Whitney, Jr.
- 1835.—Moderator, Jonah Davis; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Benjamin Whitney, Jr., Samuel Jones, Amos Sargent. Representative, Benjamin Whitney, Jr.
- 1836.—Moderator, Jonah Davis; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Cyrus Frost, Levi W. Porter, Amos Sargent. Representative, Cyrus Frost.
- 1837.—Moderator, Jonah Davis; Clerk, Abner Boyden; Selectmen, Charles Holman, Jr., Benjamin Whitney, Jr., Levi W. Porter. Representative, Charles Holman, Jr.
- 1838.—Moderator, John Wiswall; Clerk, Cyrus Frost; Selectmen, Benjamin Whitney, Jr., Charles Holman, Jr., Jeremiah Herrick. Representative, Charles Holman, Jr.
- 1839.—Moderator, John Wiswall; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Benjamin Whitney, Jr., Jeremiah Herrick, Levi W. Porter. Representative, Benjamin Whitney, Jr.
- 1840.—Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, David Wilkinson, Jr., Selectmen, Benjamin Whitney, Jr., Jeremiah Herrick, Levi W. Porter. Representative, James Batcheller.

- 1841.—Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Jeremiah Herrick, Levi W. Porter, Amos Cummings, Jr. Representative, James Batcheller.
- 1842.—Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Amos Cummings, Jr., Levi W. Porter, Joseph Cummings. Representative, Amos Cummings, Jr.
- 1843.—Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Amos Cummings, Jr., Levi W. Porter, Joseph Cummings. Representative, Amos Cummings, Jr.
- 1844.—Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Amos Cummings, Benjamin Whitney, Jairus Collins. Representative, Amos Cummings.
- 1845.—Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Levi W. Porter, Jeremiah Herrick, Nelson Converse. Representative, James Batcheller.
- 1846.—Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Levi W. Porter, Nelson Converse, Eli Dort. Representative, None.
- 1847.—Moderator, Elijah Boyden; Clerk, Jairus Collins; Selectmen Levi W. Porter, Nelson Converse, Jairus Collins. Representative, Levi W. Porter.
- 1848.—Moderator, Elijah Boyden; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Levi W. Porter, Merrill Mason, George A. Nutting. Representative, Levi W. Porter.
- 1849.—Moderator, Elijah Boyden; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Levi W. Porter, Merrill Mason, Eli Dort. Representative, Levi W. Porter.
- 1850.—Moderator, Elijah Boyden; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Merrill Mason, Eli Dort, Samuel Allison; Representative, Asa Maynard.
- 1851.—Moderator, Elijah Boyden; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Benjamin Whitney, Jr., Jeremiah Herrick, Samuel Allison; Representative, Benjamin Whitney, Jr.
- 1852.—Moderator, Elijah Boyden; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Benjamin Whitney, Jr., Jeremiah Herrick, Asa Greenwood. Representative, Benjamin Whitney, Jr.
- 1853.—Moderator, Elijah Boyden; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Jeremiah Herrick, Asa Maynard, Jairus Collins; Representative, Asa Maynard.
- 1854.—Moderator, Elijah Boyden; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Asa Maynard, Jairus Collins, Merrill Mason; Representative, Asa Maynard.
- 1855.—Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, Asa Maynard, Jairus Collins, Emery Cudworth; Representative, Nelson Converse.

- 1856.— Moderator, Elijah Boyden; Clerk, William Boyden; Selectmen, William Boyden, William Tenney, 2d, Emery Cudworth. Representative, William Boyden.*
- 1857.— Moderator, Edwin Davis; Clerk, Jairus Collins; Selectmen, Jairus Collins, Phinehas Gleason, Amos B. Tenney. Representative, Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1858.— Moderator, Elijah Boyden; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Henry C. Tenney, Phinehas Gleason, Amos A. Mason. Representative, Jeremiah Herrick.
- 1859.— Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Henry C. Tenney, Amos A. Mason, Emery Cudworth. Representative, Charles Gilbert.
- 1860.— Moderator, Elijah Boyden; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Henry C. Tenney, Amos A. Mason, Elias Hardy. Representative, Charles Gilbert.
- 1861.— Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Amos A. Mason, William W. Greenwood, Charles K. Mason. Representative, Charles K. Mason.
- 1862.— Moderator, Samuel A. Richardson; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Amos A. Mason, William W. Greenwood, George A. Porter. Representative, Charles K. Mason.
- 1863.— Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Amos A. Mason, George A. Porter, Cyrus S. Moors. Representative, Amos A. Mason.
- 1864.— Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Amos A. Mason, George A. Porter, Cyrus S. Moors. Representative, Amos A. Mason.
- 1865.— Moderator, Nelson Converse; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Amos A. Mason, George A. Porter, Elias Hardy. Representative, William M. Nason.
- 1866.— Moderator, Benjamin Whitney; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, George A. Porter, Elias Hardy, George F. Mason. Representative, William M. Nason.
- 1867.— Moderator, Charles K. Mason; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Amos A. Mason, Josiah L. Sargent, Solon W. Stone. Representative, Daniel W. Tenney.
- 1868.— Moderator, Charles K. Mason; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Amos A. Mason, Solon W. Stone, Elias Hardy. Representative, Daniel W. Tenney.
- 1869.— Moderator, Charles K. Mason; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Jairus Collins, Levi A. Fuller, Josiah W. Lawrence. Representative, Jairus Collins.

* William Boyden died March 30, and at a legal meeting, held April 16, Jairus Collins was chosen Town Clerk and first Selectman; and Nelson Converse, Representative.

- 1870.—Moderator, Charles K. Mason; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Jairus Collins, Levi A. Fuller, Josiah W. Lawrence. Representative, Jairus Collins.
- 1871.—Moderator, Cyrus S. Moors; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Jairus Collins, Levi A. Fuller, Josiah W. Lawrence. Representative, Deming S. Dexter.
- 1872.—Moderator, Charles K. Mason; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Levi A. Fuller, Josiah W. Lawrence, Amos A. Mason. Representative, Deming S. Dexter.
- 1873.—Moderator, Charles K. Mason; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Amos A. Mason, Josiah W. Lawrence, Mowry A. Thompson. Representative, Levi A. Fuller.
- 1874.—Moderator, Charles K. Mason; Clerk, Elisha O. Woodward; Selectmen, Amos A. Mason, Josiah W. Lawrence, Mowry A. Thompson. Representative, Levi A. Fuller.
- 1875.—Moderator, Charles K. Mason; Clerk, George G. Davis; Selectmen, Amos A. Mason, Josiah W. Lawrence, Mowry A. Thompson. Representative, Jedediah T. Collins.
- 1876.—Moderator, Charles K. Mason; Clerk, George G. Davis; Selectmen, Josiah W. Lawrence, Mowry A. Thompson, Levi A. Fuller. Representative, Jedediah T. Collins.
- 1877.—Moderator, Charles K. Mason; Clerk, George G. Davis; Selectmen, Levi A. Fuller, Luther Hemenway, Daniel W. Tenney. Representative, Franklin R. Thurston.
- 1878.—Moderator, Charles K. Mason; Clerk, George G. Davis; Selectmen, Luther Hemenway, Daniel W. Tenney, Jedediah K. Southwick. Representative, Franklin R. Thurston.
- 1879.—Moderator, Charles K. Mason; Clerk, George G. Davis; Selectmen, Amos A. Mason, Jedediah K. Southwick, Luther Hemenway. Representative, George G. Davis.

Since the incorporation of the town, the following persons have served as treasurer:—

James Lewis,	1778.
Silas Fife,	1779, '88, '89.
Oliver Wright,	1780.
James Brewer,	1781, '82.
James Flood,	1783, '84, '85, '86, '87.
Abijah Tucker,	1790, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95.
Jedediah Tayntor,	1796, '97, '98, '99, 1800.
Jonathan Frost,	1801, '02.
Amos Cummings,	1803.
Jonadab Baker,	1804, '05, '06, '07.
Hugh Mason,	1808.

Levi Gates,	1809, '10, '15.
Daniel Cutting,	1811.
Benjamin Whitney,	1812, '13, '14, '19, '20, '21, '22.
Col. Joseph Frost,	1816, '17, '18.
Elijah Collins,	1823, '24, '25.
Joseph Frost, Jr.,	1826, '27, '28, '29.
Jonah Davis,	1830, '36, '37, '38, '39.
Abner Boyden,	1831, '32, '34.
William Tenney,	1833.
Charles Holman,	1835.
Stillman Buss,	1840, '41, '42, '43, '44, '45, '46.
Amos B. Tenney,	1847.
Asa Maynard,	1848, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56, '57.
Henry C. Tenney,	1858.
Elisha O. Woodward,	1859, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74.
George G. Davis,	1875, '76, '77, '78, '79.

VOTES FOR GOVERNOR.

<i>Governor.</i>	<i>Votes.</i>	<i>Governor.</i>	<i>Votes.</i>
1784, Meshech Weare, . . .	21	1804, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	141
1785, No record of the vote.		John Langdon, . . .	10
1787, John Langdon, . . .	50	1805, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	152
John Sullivan, . . .	3	John Langdon, . . .	36
1788, John Langdon, . . .	17	1806, John Langdon, . . .	54
1789, John Sullivan, . . .	16	Oliver Peabody, . . .	41
Scattering,	5	Timothy Farrar, . . .	13
1790, John Pickering, . . .	26	John Taylor Gilman, . . .	8
1791, Josiah Bartlett, . . .	25	Jeremiah Smith, . . .	3
1792, Josiah Bartlett, . . .	19	John Goddard, . . .	1
1793, Josiah Bartlett, . . .	27	1807, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	41
John Taylor Gilman, . . .	14	John Langdon, . . .	28
1794, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	66	Jeremiah Smith, . . .	21
1795, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	49	John Goddard, . . .	1
1796, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	46	1808, Jeremiah Smith, . . .	35
1797, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	45	John Langdon, . . .	27
1798, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	53	John Taylor Gilman, . . .	24
Scattering,	1	1809, Jeremiah Smith, . . .	147
1799, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	43	John Langdon, . . .	10
1800, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	48	John Goddard, . . .	1
1801, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	140	1810, Jeremiah Smith, . . .	142
1802, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	147	John Langdon, . . .	26
1803, John Taylor Gilman, . . .	143	1811, Jeremiah Smith, . . .	131

	<i>Governor.</i>	<i>Votes.</i>		<i>Governor.</i>	<i>Votes.</i>
1811,	John Langdon, . . .	29	1831,	Ichabod Bartlett, . . .	121
1812,	John Taylor Gilman, .	136		Samuel Dinsmore, . . .	30
	William Plumer, . . .	31		Scattering,	2
1813,	John Taylor Gilman, .	148	1832,	Samuel Dinsmore, . . .	45
	William Plumer, . . .	13		Ichabod Bartlett, . . .	79
1814,	John Taylor Gilman, .	187		Scattering,	1
	William Plumer, . . .	15	1833,	Samuel Dinsmore, . . .	50
1815,	John Taylor Gilman, .	172		Scattering,	1
	William Plumer, . . .	24	1834,	William Badger, . . .	46
1816,	James Sheafe, . . .	118	1835,	Joseph Healy, . . .	84
	William Plumer, . . .	32		William Badger, . . .	50
1817,	Jeremiah Mason, . . .	112	1836,	George Sullivan, . . .	90
	William Plumer, . . .	32		Isaac Hill,	49
	Josiah Bartlett, . . .	2	1837,	Isaac Hill,	37
1818,	Jeremiah Mason, . . .	85	1838,	James Willson, Jr., . .	133
	William Plumer, . . .	39		Isaac Hill,	41
1819,	William Hale, . . .	92	1839,	James Willson, . . .	125
	Samuel Bell,	28		John Page,	57
1820,	Samuel Bell,	94	1840,	Enos Stephens, . . .	121
	Jeremiah Mason, . . .	9		John Page,	57
1821,	Samuel Bell,	113		Scattering,	1
	Jeremiah Mason, . . .	12	1841,	Enos Stevens, . . .	102
1822,	Samuel Bell,	126		John Page,	55
	Jeremiah Smith, . . .	4		Daniel Hoit,	14
	Timothy Farrar, . . .	1	1842,	Daniel Hoit,	27
1823,	Levi Woodbury, . . .	133		John H. White, . . .	31
	Samuel Dinsmore, . . .	5		Henry Hubbard, . . .	51
1824,	Levi Woodbury, . . .	112	1843,	Anthony Colby, . . .	81
	Jeremiah Smith, . . .	18		Henry Hubbard, . . .	42
1825,	David L. Morrill, . . .	121		Daniel Hoit,	15
	Scattering,	2	1844,	Anthony Colby, . . .	80
1826,	David L. Morrill, . . .	84		John H. Steele, . . .	40
	Benjamin Pierce, . . .	18		Daniel Hoit,	21
	Scattering,	1		Scattering,	1
1827,	David L. Morrill, . . .	73	1845,	Anthony Colby, . . .	65
	Benjamin Pierce, . . .	25		John H. Steele, . . .	29
	Jeremiah Mason, . . .	4		Daniel Hoit,	17
1828,	John Bell,	124		Scattering,	1
	Benjamin Pierce, . . .	2	1846,	Anthony Colby, . . .	69
1829,	John Bell,	106		Jared W. Williams, . .	44
	Benjamin Pierce, . . .	24		Nathaniel S. Berry, . .	28
1830,	Timothy Upham, . . .	94	1847,	Jared W. Williams, . .	44
	Matthew Harvey, . . .	48		Nathaniel S. Berry, . .	28
	Scattering,	2		Anthony Colby, . . .	88

	<i>Governor.</i>	<i>Votes.</i>		<i>Governor.</i>	<i>Votes.</i>
1848,	Jared W. Williams, . .	47	1862,	Nathaniel S. Berry, . .	151
	Nathaniel S. Berry, . .	108		George Stark,	26
	Anthony Colby,	8	1863,	Joseph A. Gilmore, . .	144
1849,	Levi Chamberlain, . .	71		Ira A. Eastman,	38
	Samuel Dinsmore, . . .	42		Scattering,	1
	Nathaniel S. Berry, . .	42	1864,	Joseph A. Gilmore, . .	162
1850,	Nathaniel S. Berry, . .	43		Edward W. Harrington, .	34
	Samuel Dinsmore, . . .	49	1865,	Frederick Smith,	157
	Levi Chamberlain, . . .	87		Edward W. Harrington, .	27
1851,	Samuel Dinsmore, . . .	40	1866,	Frederick Smith,	166
	John Atwood,	66		John G. Sinclair,	31
	Thomas E. Sawyer, . . .	79	1867,	Walter Harriman,	163
	Scattering,	1		John G. Sinclair,	30
1852,	Noah Martin,	52		Scattering,	1
	John Atwood,	60	1868,	Walter Harriman,	196
	Thomas E. Sawyer, . . .	83		John G. Sinclair,	37
1853,	Noah Martin,	44	1869,	Onslow Stearns,	186
	John H. White,	56		John Bedel,	33
	James Bell,	72	1870,	Onslow Stearns,	186
1854,	Nathaniel B. Baker, . .	35		John Bedel,	28
	Jared Perkins,	74	1871,	James Pike,	211
	James Bell,	52		James A. Weston,	43
1855,	James Bell,	2	1872,	Ezekiel A. Straw,	237
	Asa Fowler,	7		James A. Weston,	45
	Nathaniel B. Baker, . . .	40	1873,	Ezekiel A. Straw,	210
	Ralph Metcalf,	159		James A. Weston,	43
1856,	Ralph Metcalf,	152		Scattering,	3
	John S. Wells,	51	1874,	Luther McCutchins,	222
	Scattering,	1		James A. Weston,	54
1857,	William Haile,	161	1875,	Person C. Cheney,	252
	John S. Wells,	31		Hiram R. Roberts,	59
	Scattering,	1		Scattering,	1
1858,	Asa P. Cate,	38	1876,	Person C. Cheney,	252
	William Haile,	168		Daniel Marcy,	49
1859,	Ichabod Goodwin,	160		Scattering,	2
	Asa P. Cate,	36	1877,	Benjamin F. Prescott, . . .	257
1860,	Ichabod Goodwin,	176		Daniel Marcy,	50
	Asa P. Cate,	38		Scattering,	1
1861,	Nathaniel S. Berry, . .	152	1878,	Benjamin F. Prescott, . . .	233
	George Stark,	32		Frank A. McKean,	52

The small number of votes cast for many years after the adoption of a State Constitution was probably owing to the fact that the polls were not kept open through the day

as at present, and those who were not present at the time the votes were called for had no opportunity to cast their ballot.

Mrs. Miriam Newton, wife of Luther Newton, kept for more than sixty years a diary in which she made a record of remarkable events,—the weather, births, marriages, and deaths of the town's people, or any noted persons she had read or heard of. This diary, which is now in the possession of her daughter, Miss Nancy Newton of Troy, has been of great value to the compiler in the preparation of these pages. The following extracts from this manuscript may not prove uninteresting to the reader:—

“Uncommon darkness in New England, May 19, 1780,—so dark at mid-day candles were lighted, the night equally dark.”

“A remarkable thunder-storm, Oct. 31, 1783.”

“March 23, 1785, Rev. Mr. Packard was ordained at Marlborough, Mass. The snow was so deep and hard that people went with horses and sleighs over walls and fences, across lots anywhere. It did not thaw any all day.”

“An uncommon whirlwind in Southborough, Mass., Aug. 15, 1787. And several others in diverse places. Some buildings burnt by lightning, while others were torn to pieces by the wind. A very remarkable day through almost all the New England States.”

“A remarkable wind, Aug. 19, 1788, blowing from south-east, then from south-west. It turned up a great many trees, and killed cattle, damaged fields, etc.”

“A great frost, May 17, 1794.”

“A remarkable wind with snow, Oct. 9, 1804.”

“A very extraordinary snow-storm and terrible wind. March 31, 1807.”

“A remarkable north-west wind, and extreme cold day, Jan. 12, 1810.”

“Sept. 23, 1815, a dreadful gale of wind throughout New England, in which many lives were lost, and the destruction of property in buildings, ships, merchandise, timber, and wood were beyond all calculation.”

“June, 1816, from the 5th to the 12th very cold, the ground froze every night, some snow fell the 6th day.”

“Sept. 27, 1816, a hard frost that killed all the corn.”

“Jan. 17, 1817, a remarkable thunder-storm and some snow. The meeting-house in Fitzwilliam burnt by lightning.”

“March 1 and 2, 1818, remarkable rainy days that caused a great freshet.”

“Aug. 1, 1819, a severe thunder-storm, the 2d day very heavy showers with tremendous lightning, that struck a great many buildings.”

“Aug. 28, 1826, a great freshet. It carried off almost all the bridges, broke dams, and damaged the roads greatly.”

“March 12, 1832, a severe thunder-storm, a barn burned by lightning in Jaffrey.”

“Nov. 13, 1833, a remarkable streaming of the stars in all directions.”

“Nov. 17, 1835, uncommon brilliant northern lights.”

“Jan. 25, 1837, great northern lights, very red.”

The dark day alluded to in Mrs. Newton's diary was one ever to be remembered in the history of New England. The morning was clear and bright. About nine o'clock, a thick, black cloud was seen rising in the west, which soon spread over the whole sky. The cows came from the pastures, the fowls went to roost, and the birds flew to their nests the same as at night. At noon, the darkness was so great that lighted candles were placed upon the dinner-tables. The night was much darker than the day, and is described as being like that of Egypt, “a darkness that could be felt.” Elias Hemenway, who was ploughing on that day, was obliged to put up his cattle before noon, as the darkness was so intense that he could not see to plough a straight furrow. Thaddeus Hastings left home in the morning, and on his return got lost, and was obliged to lie in the woods all night. Others met with a similar experience, and the “Dark Day” was ever a subject of frequent remark by the last generation.

PAUPERISM.

The town has at times been subjected to great expense in assisting the needy. In the early days of its history, the custom of warning new-comers out of town, with a view to prevent their acquiring a legal settlement, was practised to a considerable extent. The following extract from the records will serve to illustrate the legal process by which this was accomplished:—

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, } To Mr. RICHARD TOZAR,
CHESHIRE, SS. } *Constable of Marlborough.*

You are hereby Required in the Name of the government and people of said State forthwith to notify and warn James Brook, and his wife Elizabeth Brook, Drucilla Brook, mary Brook, Hannah Brook, Sibel Brook, Esther Brook, Rebecca Brook, whose Last place of a Bode Sherly in the State of the masachusetts Bay to Depart and leave this Town within the space of fourteen Days as the Law Directs.

Hereof Fail not and make a Return of your Doings herein to us as soon as may Be, given under our hands and seal this third Day of March 1779.

LIEUT. OLIVER WRIGHT, } *Selectmen*
MR. RICHARD ATWELL, } *of*
DAVID WHEELER, } *Marlborough.*

In obedience to the within warrant I notified and warned all the within named to Depart and Leave this town as the Law Directs.

MR. RICHARD TOZAR,
Constable.

Warrants like this were served at first on all indiscriminately, without regard to their condition in life or their ability to support themselves. Thus we find on the list several who subsequently became men of influence, and were found among the heaviest tax-payers. Even Dr. David Carter who settled here in 1795, received this inhospitable welcome from the hands of Shubael Stone, constable, costing the town the sum of twenty-three cents. The vote in 1780, to “warn all out of the town for the futer who are not inhabitants,” seems to have been complied with to the letter, if we are to take as evidence the great multiplicity of these warrants in this and the following years. These have not been without

use to the compiler, as the dates have been the means of ascertaining the progress of the settlements in town, and generally contain the names of the towns from which these persons removed.

Previous to 1778, we have no evidence that the authorities were called upon to render aid to any individual. If there were any needy persons prior to this, they were either provided for at private expense or conveyed back to the towns from whence they came.

In the warrant for the annual meeting in March of that year, there was an article which reads as follows:—

“to see if the town Will make provision for support Mrs. Rebecca Webber, according to the request of Mr. Bennedick Webber.” The town voted, “not to maintain Mr. Bennedick Webber’s Mother as one of the Poor of this town at present.”

In 1789, Oliver Wright presented an account of two shillings and sixpence for “time spent about Bethiah Newton and mother being brought and flung on the town.” For the next two years, the name of Bethiah Newton figures conspicuously on the records. The accounts of several different physicians for visits and medicine show her to have been during this time an invalid; and those of Daniel Lawrence and others for wood and provisions seem to indicate that she lived by herself instead of being let to the lowest bidder, as was not unfrequently the case in such instances, in the early history of New England townships. The last we hear of her was in August, 1791, when the town voted to allow Ebenezer Rhodes four shillings and sixpence “for a petticoat that he let Bethiah Newton have when she left town.”

For many years, the support of the poor was let to the lowest bidder. Subsequently, all the poor were supported by one person, in accordance with a contract made with the town. But, as the number of paupers increased, it was thought best for the town to purchase a farm, which was carried into effect in 1838.

The farm purchased was the Barker place, adjoining the

farm of George A. Nutting. It was previously owned by Asa Baker, and was purchased of him for the sum of twelve hundred dollars. Here, under the direction of an agent employed by the town, the poor were well cared for; but, after a trial of some seven years, it proved to be an unprofitable investment for the town, and the farm was sold. Since that, those persons claiming assistance from the town have been boarded in private families, or at the County Alms-house.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Previous to the commencement of the present century, laws were enacted giving towns the right to abate the taxes of any person who should request it, provided sufficient reason for such abatement be given. Consequently, in the warrant for the annual meeting of each year, there was an article, "to see if the town will abate any person's rates." Then, as well as now, there were many transient people in town, who would remain only long enough to have their names placed on the tax-list, and then leave without paying their respective rates; and the collectors, despairing of ever collecting the same, would petition for their abatement, and, this being brought before the town, they would generally comply with their request, and the collectors would no longer be responsible for the same.

There were many poor men, the income of whose land was hardly sufficient to support the large family dependent on them, and, money being very scarce, would find it at the year's end impossible to pay the tax assessed against them. Such men would avail themselves of the privilege proffered, and ask for an abatement of their taxes; and, in justice to those belonging to the more wealthy class of that day, we would say that the prayer of such petitioners was generally granted.

There was also another class of individuals who sought to avail themselves of this privilege, who were not always so successful. They were those who did not make hard work a speciality, and who, had they been industrious like their

neighbors, would have been abundantly able to pay their taxes. To this class, if we may believe tradition, belonged Asa Metcalf. Being naturally an indolent fellow,* and choosing to hunt and fish rather than till the soil, or work for such of his neighbors as would have been willing to give him employment, he sought to pay his taxes in this way. At length, the town, having complied several times with his request, and thinking perhaps to rid themselves of all such petitions from him in the future, passed the following vote: "Voted to Abate mr. Asa Metcalf's Rates upon condition he will Leave this town and Not truble it any more; also, voted not to Rate him this year." As he did not leave the town, but continued to reside therein until his death, more than thirty years thereafter, is sufficient proof that his taxes were not abated.

WILD ANIMALS.

The early settlers of Marlborough were much troubled by the invasion of wild animals; the most troublesome of which were the bear, wolf, and catamount. Many anecdotes of the warfare carried on with these ferocious beasts have been handed down to us; some of which we will narrate. In many instances, these animals were taken in traps, the most of which were made of wood, and called log traps, being constructed similar to the modern mink-trap now in use. Steel traps were, however, sometimes used, being more easily set than the former.

It is related that at one time Joel Porter was much troubled by the depredations of a large bear. He tried various ways to get rid of the animal, but without success. Not knowing how to make a log trap, he applied to Mr. Jonathan Bemis for assistance, at the same time offering to give him *five coppers*, if he would go and help set a log trap.

*The writer has seen a copy of a return made to the State of the number of paupers in town, and the reason why they could not support themselves. Among the number is mentioned "Mr. Asa Metcalf, the reason why he cannot support himself is that he has always been an idle and indolent fellow."

Mr. Bemis accepted the offer, and set the trap, baiting it with a large piece of meat. Having with them more meat than was necessary for bait, the remainder they hung in a tree near by. The next morning Mr. Porter visited the trap, and found it sprung, the bait gone, as was also that which was hung in the tree. Finding that bruin had once more eluded his efforts, Mr. Porter, not easily discouraged, again baited the trap, and on a second visit found he was rewarded by a large bear, which weighed four hundred pounds, when dressed.

About 1794, a couple of hunters started a large bear in the town of Swanzey. Their dogs following him at a brisk rate into Marlborough; he finally turned his course toward the Monadnock, and, getting tired, stopped and set himself down with his back against a tree; so that the dogs, when they should come up, could not get in his rear. When the dogs came up, a severe fight followed, in which one was killed before the hunters reached them. On their appearance, the bear darted off before they could despatch him; and, night coming on, they called off their dogs, and put up for the night at Bezaleel Baker's. Benjamin Dole who then lived on the Phinehas Farrar place, near the foot of the mountain,—and who, by the way, was quite a noted hunter,—found that night what course the bear had taken, went home and made preparations for an early start the next morning, hoping to secure the bear before the hunters should get upon his track. He charged his gun for the purpose, and, soon as he could see in the morning, started off into the forest toward the place where he supposed bruin had hid himself from his pursuers. Some three inches of light snow had fallen during the night. As he was jogging along, and before he had begun to look for his game, he of a sudden came upon him. The bear was completely covered with snow, and the man was almost upon him before he knew it. Bruin, thus suddenly disturbed, sprang up, shook off the snow, and hastily pressed his way toward the mountain. His enemy was too much frightened to level and discharge his gun, and the bear escaped. Mr. Dole, who had

taken so much pains to capture him, did not hear the last of his bold adventure for many years.

When the country was new, the settlers who wished to keep their sheep secure from wild animals were obliged to have a fold made wolf-proof, where they yarded them during the summer. Daniel Cutting, Sen., had a yard, the fence of which was some six or seven feet high, so that he thought no bear or wolf could get over it. In this his sheep were secured every night. On going to the yard one morning, they found the fattest sheep in the flock missing; and, on examining the fence, they discovered where a bear had raked the logs with his claws, which told plainly that bruin had scaled the fence, secured the best sheep in the flock, and taken what is called "French leave." A couple of hunters with two or three dogs were immediately put upon the track, and, after following some two miles, overtook, and despatched him.

When the road from Keene to Boston led by Mr. Asa Porter's, where Fuller Clark now resides, a teamster came along one day, and informed Mr. Porter that a bear and two cubs had just crossed the road between his house and the "Brandy Brook," so called. Mr. Porter took his axe, and started off, saying, as he did so, "I will have one of the cubs." He went into the woods, as he was directed and, soon came upon one of the cubs, which he immediately secured; but the cub set up a bitter cry, which brought old bruin to the spot, so enraged that Mr. Porter dropped the cub, and, thinking he was on the point of being torn in pieces, backed up against a tree, and by swinging his axe kept the bear from springing upon him. He was too much frightened to scream, but made a noise as though he was in distress, which brought to the spot Mr. Ebenezer Jenne, who was at work near by; and the bear, seeing his enemy thus re-enforced, left the field to his opponent; and Mr. Porter was glad to return to his house without his game.

Thaddeus Parmenter, while going through the forest, between the Stillman Woodward farm and where George A. Nutting now resides, walking, as was his custom, with his

head down, found himself all at once confronted by a large bear which sat up on its haunches, looking directly at him. Mr. Parmenter stood still for a moment, at a loss to know what to do, but finally concluded to try to scare it. He accordingly took off his broad-brim hat, and, shaking it, jumped toward the bear, at the same time screaming at the top of his voice. As he jumped, the bear turned and ran, with two cubs following, and were soon lost in the dense woods. Mr. Parmenter, in relating the story, used to say, he did not know which was the most frightened, the bear or himself.

At another time, soon after his settlement on the farm now owned by Mr. Nutting, he went one afternoon to the grist-mill of Daniel Gould, in the south part of the town, now Troy. Several customers had arrived at the mill before him; and, being obliged to wait his turn, it was nearly dark before he started on his return. When he arrived within about one-fourth of a mile of his home, he was suddenly startled by the bark of a wolf, which came from the direction of his log house: this was answered by another and another, until there were a score of them. He paused for a moment, and to his horror perceived they were on his down track, and were rapidly approaching him. He had but a moment in which to act, but his presence of mind did not desert him. Taking the bag from his shoulder, he threw it as far as possible into the forest, and then gave a leap in the same direction; and, picking up a club with which to defend himself, he sat down and waited the approach of the wolves. He had not long to wait, for they were close upon him. When the foremost of the pack reached the place from which he had leaped, it paused for an instant; and, finding the track freshened, they all pushed on with renewed vigor down toward the mill, not noticing that their intended victim was within a few rods of them, breathlessly awaiting the result. When they had passed out of sight and hearing, he again shouldered his meal, and traversed the remaining distance as rapidly as circumstances would admit, well knowing that the disappointed

wolves would soon return, when it might not be so easy to elude them. On his arrival home, he found his wife in great distress. She, having heard the wolves, and knowing they were upon her husband's track, had given up all hopes of his return. Having learned from this experience the danger of being out after dark, he was careful ever afterwards to go to mill in the morning, and return to his home by daylight.

Abijah Tucker used to say that it was no uncommon thing for him, as he passed through the forest between his house and mill, to see bears and even wolves. He related that, upon one occasion, he found his cow caught in a thicket of brush, and a wolf gnawing the flesh from her legs.

The catamount was the most ferocious of all the wild beasts in this region. Being of large size, and possessing great strength and agility of movement, it was the terror of both man and beast. But fortunately they were not numerous in this section.

Mr. Jonathan Bemis, Sen., having set some snares for partridges, found on visiting them, on a certain morning, that one had been caught and partly devoured by some wild animal. He accordingly removed the snare, and set in its place a large steel trap. On going to the place the next morning, to his surprise he found the trap was gone; but, going on a short distance, he soon heard the clanking of the chain with which the trap had been fastened, and, following along some distance, came in sight of the animal, which was caught by the leg, and was making off with the trap. Mr. Bemis, having no gun, was at a loss to know what to do; but, seeing the chain was caught under a root, he resolved to despatch the animal, if possible. Picking up a large stone, he threw it with such unerring aim as to hit the creature between the eyes, dropping him instantly. Having made sure the animal was dead, he approached, and, taking it from the trap, found it to be a catamount, so large that, as he was carrying it home on his back, it dragged on the ground,

At the request of Jonathan William Fife of Hartford, Conn., a great-grandson of Dea. Silas Fife, we insert the following, which is taken from the History of Troy:—

“A most remarkable catamount was once killed by Dea. Fife, near the pond, a little east of his house. Soon after Dea. Fife settled here, his father came to make him a visit; and, as was the custom in those days, he brought his axe to assist his son in clearing the forest. One day as they were chopping a little west of the pond, they discovered a deer that had just been killed by some unknown monster of the wilderness. Being somewhat alarmed, they immediately decided to take measures to rid the forest of so dangerous a visitor. Without delay, young Fife took his father's horse, and went to Rindge, where he procured of Dea. Lovejoy of that town a large steel trap. As the sun was setting, with trap, gun, and axe in hand, the father and son sought the carcass of the deer. But, to their surprise, it had been drawn several rods, and finally taken up and carried away, so that they could track it no farther. But, finding the heart and liver, they felled a tree, from which they cut a log and hitched the same to the trap, which they placed in a position to take the fatal grip, whenever the animal should return to obtain the fragments of his slaughtered victim. The next morning the deacon took his musket, and, in company with his father, was soon on the ground, and to their astonishment the trap, log, and all were gone. With much caution, they followed the track of the log in the direction toward the pond, near which they perceived the animal, with his appendages permanently entangled among the rocks. When they had arrived within a few rods, the monster reared on his hind legs, and, as he took a survey of his enemy, gnashed his teeth, and seemed to bid defiance to them. As young Fife raised his gun to his eye, his father pleaded with him not to fire, fearing that the catamount would kill them both. But crack went the musket, and at first it seemed to make no impression upon him. But it was soon reloaded and brought to his eye a second time, when seeing his fury abating, and that he was

trembling, he waited a moment and the animal fell. On approaching him, it was found that he was dead, the ball having pierced his heart. His measurement was thirteen feet and four inches from his nose to the end of his tail. His skin was afterwards stuffed, and placed on exhibition in the Boston Museum."

ALEXANDER FISH'S EAR.

The following is copied from the town records of 1793 :—

MARLBOROUGH, Jan. 24, 1793.

These may certify all persons whom it may Concern that Nathan Frost Lawson Did in anger willfully Bite off Alexander Fish's Ear, this instant, Jan. 1793.

Attest :	PHINEHAS FARRAR,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
	SILAS FIFE,	
	OLIVER WRIGHT,	

For a long time, the compiler was at a loss to know the meaning of this quaint record, or why it was thus placed upon the pages of our town-books; but diligent inquiry among our aged people revealed the following facts. Nathan Frost Lawson was a transient person, whose residence in this town was very short. It is not known whence he came nor where he went; but it is known that in his youth he committed a crime, for which he suffered the penalty of having his ear cropped, according to the custom of those days. It is stated that on the day referred to he and Fish met at the tavern; and, both having partaken freely at the bar, an animated conversation took place between the two, in the course of which Fish twitted Lawson about his ear. This so enraged Lawson that he seized Fish, and, throwing him upon the floor, bit off his ear in like manner as his own. Fish, in his sober moments, fearing lest the people might think that he, too, had broken the laws of his country, requested the selectmen to make a record upon the town-books, to which he could refer, if need be.

ANECDOTES.

Many pleasing anecdotes are told of Esquire Sweetser, who for many years kept the principal tavern in town.

It is related that on one occasion in town-meeting there was considerable difficulty in choosing a representative. Phineas Farrar having held that office for several years in succession, it was deemed advisable by many of the leading citizens to choose some one else in his stead; but, being divided in their opinions, they were for some time unable to make any choice among the several candidates. A warm discussion was taking place, when the old Esquire—who, by the way, had just patronized his own bar—entered the room. Being a warm friend of Mr. Farrar, he felt himself bound to use his influence to send him again to the General Court. He accordingly rose, and said in his own peculiar tone: “Mr. Moderator and gentlemen, let me give you a few words of advice. If you want a man to represent you in the General Court of this State, send Esquire Farrar by all means, for he has been so many times he knows the way, and the necessary steps to be taken. If you wish to send a man to Canada, send Col. Joseph Frost: he has two or three sons living there, and he would like to visit them. But, if you want to send a man to hell, send Hezekiah Hodgkins; for he will have to go some time, and it is time he was there now.”

Esquire Sweetser and a Mr. Harrington who at that time was proprietor of the Eagle Hotel in Keene, were firm friends; and, thinking alike in politics, many a time they sat over a mug of toddy, discussing the political news of the day. Having heard that Mr. Harrington had changed his views in relation to politics, the Esquire harnessed his horse and drove to Keene. Entering the hotel, he walked up to Mr. Harrington remarking that he had heard, he had somewhat changed his views in politics. Mr. Harrington replied that he had, and attempted to explain, but was interrupted by Mr. Sweetser, who said, “Mr. Harrington, men and the moon change, but the sun and principle never.” And, turning about, he immediately left the hotel, and from that time all intercourse between these men ceased.

The old Squire was very benevolent at times, and not

unfrequently he bestowed his charity upon the school-children. Going to the store, he would fill his leather apron with figs, raisins, and candy, and go to the school-house where the children were at play, and, calling them around him, would give each a handful, at the same time repeating some passage from the Bible, touching upon charity, like the following: "Charity covereth a multitude of sins"; or "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord," etc.

Theodore Mann was one of that class of individuals who, not being blessed with superior intellect, was often an object of ridicule among his neighbors, and not unfrequently was this carried so far as to become open abuse. It happened on one occasion, as he was returning home from town-meeting, that he was met by Peter Tozer, John Wiswall (afterwards Major), and Josiah Woodward (son of Solomon). These young men, having had the example of their elders set before them, commenced to snow-ball and otherwise ill-treat Mr. Mann, who was so incensed at the abuse offered him that he determined to have recourse to the law, and have the offenders punished. The culprits, fearing this threat would be carried into execution, requested him to desist, which he promised to do on condition that they would apologize in writing, which was readily consented to on the part of the young men. Accordingly, the parties met at the house of Mr. Tozer; and Peter, who was a ready writer, and somewhat witty withal, was set to draw up the paper, the substance of which was as follows:—

"We, the undersigned, do acknowledge that on town-meeting night we snow-balled and otherwise abused Mr. Theodore Mann; but we did not kill him, and we are sorry for it." This, having been duly signed, was handed to Mr. Mann, who, after reading it, said he would accept it as their apology, and overlook the injury done.

John Tozer, eldest son of Richard, was an eccentric fellow; and many humorous anecdotes are related of him, and among them is the following: When a young man, he paid his addresses to a fair lady; but his father (who had buried

his wife but a short time previous) supplanted him in her affections. Soon afterwards, going home on a visit, his father being away at the time, his new mother requested him to ask a blessing at meal-time, which he did as follows:—

“ Although you are my mother,
I love you as my life.
If father had not been so spry,
I'd had you for my wife.”

CHAPTER XV.

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

AT the annual town-meeting, March 14, 1876, pursuant to an article in the warrant:—

“*Voted*, That there be a committee of five chosen to make arrangements for celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the town, said celebration to cost the town nothing. Chose Thomas White, David Wilkinson, Mowry A. Thompson, Daniel W. Tenney, and Charles A. Bemis.”

The committee organized by choosing Thomas White, Chairman; Charles A. Bemis, Secretary; and Daniel W. Tenney, Treasurer.

On motion of Daniel W. Tenney, Charles K. Mason was added to the committee.

As the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the town occurred at an unfavorable season of the year (December 13), it was decided to celebrate on the 4th of July.

At a meeting of the committee, April 7, six more were added to this committee; namely, George F. Wise, William C. Mason, Cyrus E. Hardy, Samuel Jones, John McRoy, and Jedediah T. Collins. This meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, April 19, at 7 o'clock P.M., at which time it was voted unanimously to invite Rev. Sullivan H. McCollister of Akron, Ohio, a native of Marlborough, to deliver the centennial address on that occasion. Chose Daniel W. Tenney to invite the Mechanics' Cornet Band and the

Marlborough Cornet Band to furnish music for the celebration. Chose Charles K. Mason, Charles A. Bemis, and Cyrus E. Hardy to invite guests. *Voted*, To adjourn this meeting for two weeks.

May 3.—Met according to adjournment, and proceeded as follows: Chose Jairus Collins, Col. Cyrus Frost, and Mowry A. Thompson a committee to prepare sentiments. Chose George F. Wise, Cyrus S. Moors, and E. Willard Mason to furnish sacred music on the day of celebration. *Voted*, To invite the old Cadet Band to be present, and march together in the procession.

May 13.—The committee met, and chose Col. Nelson Converse Chief Marshal. He appointed as his aids for the day the following gentlemen: George Thatcher,* James Knowlton, William M. Tenney, Darius Richardson, Reuben Ward, Elijah Fitch, Barton Blodgett, Charles R. Bemis, Merrill Mason, Amos A. Mason, William M. Nason, and Alphonso A. Adams. Chose Elijah Boyden President of the day. Chose Daniel W. Tenney, Thomas White, George G. Davis, Cyrus E. Hardy, Col. Cyrus Frost, and Dr. Samuel A. Richardson Vice-Presidents. Chose Luther Hemenway, Albert Knowlton, and Franklin R. Thurston a committee to select a suitable grove in which to hold the exercises on the day of celebration, and to report at the next meeting.

May 20.—The committee appointed to select a suitable grove in which to hold the exercises, reported that they had selected the one on land of Luther Hemenway, near the cemetery. Which report was accepted and adopted. *Voted*, That this committee trim the grove, build the speaker's stand, arrange the seats and tables, and make all necessary arrangements on the ground, and appoint such assistants as they shall think proper. Chose Rev. Henry W. Hand and Rev. Noble Fisk, Toast-masters. Chose Rev. John L. Merrill, Rev. Henry W. Hand, and Rev. Noble Fisk to select appropriate pieces for the choir to sing. It was decided that the collation should be free to all; and, to carry

* Mr. Thatcher was unable to serve on account of sickness.

the same into effect, the committee of arrangements appointed Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Whitney Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. James Thatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Ivory E. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Procter, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. David S. Derby, Mr. and Mrs. Elias A. Thatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Richardson, a committee to solicit provisions, who performed their duties in a commendable manner. Chose Mr. and Mrs. Goodhue Tenney, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Knowlton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Luther G. Bemis, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson H. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Spofford, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah L. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. White, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ivers L. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Wilber F. Wallace a committee to take charge of the food as it was brought in, to superintend the tables, and appoint assistants for waiting on the people, etc. *Voted*, To choose a committee of finance to provide funds to defray the expenses of the celebration. Chose Daniel W. Tenney, Charles K. Mason, Luther Hemenway, Marshall D. Adams, John McRoy, Benjamin F. Cushing, Cyrus E. Hardy, David S. Derby, Philander Thatcher, and Isaac W. Holbrook. Much credit is due to this committee, who attended to their duties with promptness and despatch, and succeeded in raising by subscription a sum sufficient to defray all the expenses of the celebration. Chose Charles K. Mason, Col. Nelson Converse, and Daniel W. Tenney to report a programme of exercises and order of procession on the day of celebration. Chose Albert Knowlton, Nelson Converse, John Clemons, and Edwin B. Matthews to procure a supply of ice-water, and also to procure a suitable person to sell lemonade on the grounds.

June 23.—*Voted*, To fire one hundred guns, and ring the bells on the morning of the celebration. *Voted*, To expend fifty dollars for fireworks. Chose Daniel W. Tenney,

George K. Harrington, and George W. Tenney to procure the fireworks, attend to the firing of the cannon, and ring the bells. Chose David Wilkinson and Charles Smith to provide carriages for such aged people as could not walk in the procession.

July 4, 1876.—The day dawned favorably, and was ushered in by the ringing of bells and the firing of cannon. Long before the hour for the exercises at the grove, the usually quiet streets of the village were filled with the citizens of the town, and the absent sons and daughters of Marlborough, who had returned once more to their native place, to lay their offerings on the altar of their ancestors. Invited guests and citizens of the neighboring towns were flocking in, to participate in the joys and festivities of the day.

A little before ten o'clock, the procession was formed in front of the Town Hall, in the following order, namely:—

- Chief Marshal.
- Mechanics' Cornet Band.
- Torrent Engine Co., IVORY E. GATES, *Foreman*.
- President and Orator of the Day.
- Vice-Presidents.
- Clergy.
- Committee of Arrangements.
- Specially invited Guests, expected to respond to Sentiments.
- Old People of Marlborough.
- Choir, C. S. MOORS, *Leader*.
- National Flag.
- Sunday Schools.
- Citizens from other Towns.
- Citizens of Marlborough.

At ten o'clock, the procession marched to the grove, where seats were provided for over two thousand persons.

On the platform were seated the president, vice-presidents, clergy, committee of arrangements, choir, and reporters, with a place for the speakers in front. At the right of the platform, seats were arranged for the band; while in front a smaller stand had been erected, ample enough to contain seats for the old people.

The seats were all occupied, and many were obliged to stand or sit upon the ground during the exercises. It was estimated that there were nearly twenty-five hundred people present, which was the largest collection ever convened at any one time in Marlborough. Had there not been celebrations on the same day at Keene, Troy, and Nelson, it is probable the number would have been much larger.

The assembly was called to order by Chief-Marshal Converse, who introduced Elijah Boyden, Esq., President of the day. Mr. Boyden came forward and spoke as follows:—

Fellow-Citizens,—We have assembled on this our Hundredth Anniversary of our National Birthday, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Marlborough. I congratulate you on the fine condition of weather with which we are favored to-day. I am pleased also to see so many of the former residents of the town present to participate with us in the exercises of this occasion. It used to be said in former years that New Hampshire was a good State to emigrate *from*. Perhaps it was not intended as a compliment. Nevertheless, in the sense that a family whose members are worthily brought up and properly trained for the duties of life is a good family to emigrate from, so I consider the “Old Granite State,” in this sense, a good one to emigrate from. The very ruggedness of its soil obliges its children to practise the cardinal virtues of industry and economy, in order to obtain a livelihood. And, although Marlborough is not the State itself, I consider it a fair representative town of the State, and, consequently, a good town to emigrate from. Indeed, we have present with us to-day many emigrants, former residents of the town, who have returned to join with us in the exercises of this occasion.

And, as men do not gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles, I submit to you that their very appearance is proof sufficient that their commencement of life must have been in a creditable locality. Some of them have obtained high positions in the civil government of our country; some

stand at the head of educational institutions; others have become eminent in the clerical and medical professions. And, while all of them have been so successful abroad in adding credit to the place of their nativity, I trust, on their return, they will not find that we who have remained here have been so unmindful of our duties as to cause them to blush for our negligence. I was born in Marlborough, and my recollection of it extends back a little over one-half of its hundred years of incorporated existence. I do not wish to speak too eulogistically of it as a town, but I think, I can truthfully say that compared with other places of similar natural advantages it has shown a commendable degree of progress in its development. For this I can claim but very little credit to myself, since for the last twenty years I have been in no active business. But, for the citizens generally, as a business community, I think they have shown a good degree of enterprise and public spirit, and will compare favorably with other places of no greater advantages. For one of our greatest blessings, as you are all aware, we are indebted to the liberal generosity of one of Marlborough's sons, who is not now a permanent resident here, and who, I regret, is unable to be with us to-day. But, perhaps, if the town had not behaved itself tolerably well, the impulse might never have entered his generous heart to bestow upon it the inestimable gift of a Free Public Library. But, in occupying the position I do to-day, it was not expected of me that I should attempt to make a speech or to enter upon any statistical information. I will not, therefore, detain you longer.

The exercises then commenced with—

1. Voluntary, by the band,—“Home, Sweet Home.”
2. Invocation, by Rev. H. W. Hand, Pastor of the Universalist Church.
3. Anthem, by the choir.
4. Selections from the Scriptures, by Rev. N. Fisk, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Psalm ciii.
5. Prayer, by Rev. J. L. Merrill, Pastor of the Congregational Church.

6. Anthem, by the choir.

7. Reading of the Declaration of Independence, by G. G. Davis.

8. Music by the band,—“America.”

9. The following Address by Rev. S. H. McCollester, D.D., of Akron, Ohio:—

Fellow-Citizens,—The course of time is full of epochs. These are the milestones marking human progress. They are diamond-points set on the bosom of the past, to light up the present and reflect a halo of glory about the future. Around these epochs culminate the noblest characters, the grandest deeds, and the brightest hopes of the race.

Every town, state, and nation has its epochs. About these memory delights to linger.

“They are the spots of earth supremely blest,
The dearest, sweetest spots of all the rest.”

There are occasions when God confers on men birthday gifts. Then it is that conscience is almost certain to strike the freedom-string in the harp of Liberty, inspiring courage in the mind and faith in the soul. Such an occasion has brought us together at this time. One hundred years ago to-day “The Declaration of Independence” was read in the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, and the question was, “Shall it be adopted?” The ays had it. That vote at once changed the political aspect of the Western World. It made a nation free,—free to think and free to do right. That grand action at once quickened new energies of mind and heart, which, in the course of a century, have blossomed into the most marvellous fruitage. Let speech and cannon commemorate the day our nation was born. It is worth the struggles of the past. It is worth the blood of fallen heroes. It is worth all the hard-fought battles of the American Revolution, and the five millions of recent graves sown over our land for its preservation. O Washington! O Lincoln! it is worth all your prayers and anxious fears! For it tends to develop the truest manhood and the purest womanhood. It enables each citizen to live, holding a birthright in his



S. W. Collier.



hand, a common school in his brain, and the Declaration of Independence in his heart.

But this day comes to us emphasized with a twofold interest. We meet to celebrate, not only the birthday of our Nation, but the incorporation of our native town. From far and near, we have assembled around the shrine of our nativity, that we may lay thereon offerings of gratitude and thanksgiving.

Surrounded as we are with these comforts and blessings of happy homes, successful enterprises, flourishing schools, and consecrated churches, retrospection bids us look upon the picture a hundred years ago. Then, as a natural exhibition, it must have been attractive, being so diversified with highlands and lowlands, lakes and rivers, forests and mountains, balmiest air and fairest sunlight. It must have been strangely inviting to look upon, for the admirer of the grand and beautiful. But for one to penetrate then into the wilderness, with the view of settling here, must have been foreboding. Then the ear was greeted with no busy din from anvil or quarry; no whistle from saw or engine. But the wide-spreading woods must have rendered the day lonely; and the hooting of the owl, the growl of the bear, and the barking of the wolf must have made the night fearfully hideous.

Hither came in that early time a few adventurers who opened up a cavern in the earth, or built the rudest log hut in which to dwell. This was to be their future home. There was no cleared land for raising corn. There was no grist-mill within the distance of eight or ten miles. So they were forced for some time to follow Indian trails, or tracks marked by spotted trees, to improved fields where they could labor till they had earned means with which to purchase a bushel of corn. With this on the back, they would go to the mill, and, after it was ground, would bear it far away to their homes. When sickness came, what must they have done? There were no neighbors, nor physicians at hand. Then, when the dark messenger snatched from their embrace a companion, child, or parent, no kind friends were

near to divide their sorrows; no pastor was by their side to point them to the many mansions. Those were hardships which we can but faintly understand. Still, they were realities to the few who were wont to walk through these valleys and climb over these hills a hundred years ago.

These wild lands, it appears, were set off into a township under the name of Monadnock, No. V., May 25, 1752. The township was granted by charter to the proprietors of land purchased of John Tufton Mason by their agent, Joseph Blanchard, to James Morrison, Jr., and thirty-three others, belonging mostly to the towns of Derry and Dunstable, N.H.

One account says these proprietors soon transferred their right to David Church and others who resided in Marlborough and Westborough, Mass. In 1762, the town was surveyed. In 1764, Sept. 17, the first family moved into the township. It consisted of William Barker, his wife and three children, who came from Westborough, Mass., and settled on what is called West Hill, now in the limits of Troy. Isaac McColleston with his family moved to town the same year, and settled on the Deacon James Farrar-place. His daughter Dolly who was born Feb. 12, 1766, is supposed to have been the first child having birth in the town. Others, also, came about the same time. Abel Woodward settled on what is known as the Joslin place in this village; likewise Daniel Goodenow, who resided in various localities. In August, 1765, Benjamin Tucker with a large family moved into town, and settled near the Whitney and Tarbell Mill. There he kept the first tavern in town. During the next two years, it is evident, more families arrived; for when the first census was taken, which was in 1767, there were ninety-three inhabitants in the township. Of these, sixteen couples were married. In 1775, the second census was taken, showing the population had increased to three hundred and twenty-four, of whom one hundred and forty-eight were females, and one hundred and four were males under sixteen years of age. Fifty-four were upwards of sixteen, and two men were over fifty.

Sixteen men had now already entered the Continental Army. Of these early settlers, nearly all came from old Marlborough, Westborough, Southborough, and Bolton, Mass. Their hearts were fired with the true spirit of patriotism. At this period, the whole country was heated and ready to burst into martial flames. In this time of fiery trials, our native State was remarkably free from toryism. All were ready to strike mighty blows for freedom. As the cry went forth from Boston on the 19th of April, 1775, penetrating farther and farther into the country, declaring that the British troops were marching toward old Concord, bells were rung, drums beat roll-calls, men were hurrying from all quarters; axes were dropped in the forests; ploughs were left in the fields; muskets were wrenched from the mantel-pieces, powder-horns and pouches were slung over the shoulders, blankets were tied to their backs; with faces expressive of courage and determination, might be seen men hurrying to the fields of strife. Though devoted wives and tender mothers wept, yet they bid patriotic husbands and brave sons go forth, striking valiantly for God and country. It seems but a day elapsed before a vast army was marching, ready to do bloody work at Concord, Lexington, and Bunker's Hill. Stark quickly deserted his saw-mill at Londonderry, as he heard the booming cannon. Putnam left his plough in the furrow, not even stopping to change his dress, but hurried to the place of carnage.

This is a fit occasion for us to bestow fresh tributes of love upon the life of Warren, whose courage and bravery found an early grave, but whose memory will live in the hearts of his countrymen. It is just for us to prune and revive the laurel growing by the tomb of a Putnam. It is befitting we should cleanse with the waters of retrospection the epitaph inscribed on the monument of a Stark. Let us forever cherish the deeds of the brave men and heroic women of that early, critical period.

Marlborough with other towns of the Granite State bore its share of hardships in the Revolution. We are assured that no less than forty-three from our town enlisted to gain

and maintain our independence. It is said thirty-nine who were in the army afterwards settled in town. One James Lewis served several years as captain in the Revolution. Robert Worsley who was a peculiar though strictly reliable and worthy man, entering the army almost at the first call, was at the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775. After the evacuation of Boston by the British, a thousand soldiers, under the leadership of Benedict Arnold, left Boston, pressing their way toward Quebec through the dense wilderness of Maine. Marching to the Kennebec River, thence they embarked in open boats, struggling against current and barriers till they reached the head-waters of that river; thence they bore their boats, heavily laden with army supplies, across to the waters of the Chaudière, following it down to the St. Lawrence, six miles above Quebec. In this perilous march, their sufferings must have been beyond description. They were terribly harassed by Indians; and in the midst of the wilderness, their rations failing them, they were forced, as Mr. Worsley reported, to eat the leather of their shoes and cartridge-boxes. As they emerged from the woods, approaching a settlement, a dog saluting them with a bark, was shot at once. Mr. Worsley says: "It fell to my lot to dress the animal. While I was pulling out the entrails, the famishing soldiers, excited by the scent, snatched away the flesh, leaving for me only what I was able to clutch in my hands." Although the flesh was raw, he testified "it was the sweetest meat he ever ate." In another company, at the same time, he says, "some men came upon the carcass of a hog, which was eaten quicker than he could tell the story." Verily, were not those the times that tried men's souls? The oppression of the mother country had fired the hearts of our fathers with truest bravery, and moved their minds with the determination to conquer or die. With the boldest stroke of the pen, those members of the Continental Congress put their names to that immortal Declaration which is being emphasized to-day by more than forty millions of free people, and is being honored throughout the world. With that Dec-

laration, supported by patriotic fathers, our own "Colony" of New Hampshire was made an independent State; and on the 13th of December, 1776, our township received from this State, carved out of rocky hills and mountains, its corporate charter as the town of Marlborough. In July of the same year, the "Test Act" was circulated. Fifty citizens signed it, all but one wrote his own name; while only five refused to put theirs to it. What the exact purport of this "Test Act" was, we do not know; but it is safe to infer, it meant death to toryism and life to freedom.

In the war of 1812, Marlborough was true to her high behests. At least fourteen brave men went forth from its limits to do their duty, in driving forever British foes from American soil. The bravery and patriotism of the fathers should be held in lasting remembrance. We have reason to feel their mantles have fallen upon worthy shoulders from the loyalty and exalted daring of their sons in the recent Rebellion. In their race with Sheridan to Winchester town, in their unparalleled march under Sherman through the extended territory of the enemy, in Grant's repeated battles in the Wilderness, they proved that the spirit of "76" was still rife in American hearts. Our heroes of a hundred years ago, and our heroes of to-day,—may they be loved and honored in all true hearts, and their genius and patriotism will create the noblest heroes of the future!

The ecclesiastical history of this town antedates a little its incorporation. The earliest record we have touching the subject, dates back to 1770, in which year the first meeting-house was raised, and the roof covered. At that raising, the town voted to give Benjamin Tucker *3s. 2d. 2qrs.* per gallon for eight gallons of rum at "ye raising of ye meeting-house." This house was not boarded till the next spring; but the first meeting was held in it while the roof only was covered. It is said the outside was finished in 1774; but this probably did not include glass windows or hinged doors, for in 1779 it was voted to put in eleven windows, hang the doors, lay the lower floor, and build the body-seats. To cover this expense, a special tax of eightpence per acre was laid upon all

ratable lands in town. But the house was not fully completed till 1790. It then had neither steeple nor chimney, and for many years was called the "Lord's Barn."

In 1771, a tax of one farthing per acre on ratable lands was raised for the purpose of procuring preaching. A committee of three was chosen, consisting of Benjamin Tucker, Daniel Goodenow, and James Brewer, to hire a minister. It was likewise stated that the preaching was to commence the first of June. It is evident preaching was secured, at least, a portion of the time that year, from the fact that June the 23d three children of Daniel Goodenow were baptized. These were the first baptisms in town. We find no minister mentioned by name until 1778. On the 11th of November of the same year, the first church, consisting of eight members, was formed, and at the same time Rev. Joseph Cummings from Topsfield, Mass., was ordained their pastor. This solemn service of consecration, tradition says, was performed on a work-bench, there being no desk as yet in the house, while the congregation were seated on loose boards resting on blocks. In these days, people were certain not to go beyond their means, or in any way appear extravagant. This is made evident from the fact that they voted to give their minister, as salary, forty pounds sterling the first year, forty-five the second, and fifty pounds the third, and continue at fifty pounds yearly, till there should be one hundred and ten families in town, and then give him £66 13s. 4d. yearly, so long as he should continue their gospel minister. The above sums were to be made equivalent to rye at 3s. 4d. per bushel. These good people designed that their minister should also have a home among them, so they provided for him the prospective parsonage in this way. He was to have one share or lot of land laid out for that purpose, consisting of a hundred and fifty acres, except four acres around the meeting-house; which were reserved for public use; said land was to be cleared by the town. The pastor also had the privilege of cutting timber for his house on the ministerial lot. The first parsonage was located a little distance south-west of the Old Meeting-house. Just how long it was kept as a

parsonage is not known; but I am informed it was at length converted into a tavern,—to say the least, a sad terminus for a parsonage.

The first church in town was organized as Congregational, and has continued to be an influential and a successful one to the present time. Among its revered ministers, the names of Fish and Lyman are especially endeared to many hearts.

The first Methodist preaching was introduced to Marlborough by Daniel Emerson, in 1791. After meetings had been held occasionally for three years in the house of Mr. Emerson by Revs. Hill, Hall, and Wager, the latter divine preaching an able discourse from the text, "These three years have we come seeking fruit, and found none," formed a class consisting of seven persons. This sect continued to hold their meetings for some time in the same place. At length, preaching was transferred to the residence of Ebenezer Herrick, where meetings were held on the Sabbath for many years. Afterwards they were transferred back to Mr. Emerson's for a while, at which time the first Sabbath school of this society was organized; thence, for a series of years, to Thomas White's; thence to William Greenwood's, and thence to Abner Russell's, up to 1844, when a church-edifice was built at Pottersville, where the Methodist society held meetings for twenty years; then purchasing the Baptist meeting-house of this village, and refitting it, they have continued their Sabbath worship, proving themselves an earnest Christian people.

The early Baptists of this town worshipped for many years in Pottersville. At length, they had occasional meetings in the Old Meeting-house on the hill, and finally were able to build a house of worship in this village. Among their good ministers settled here, the names of Cummings, French, Danforth, Clarke, and Ware, must be especially remembered by those who listened to their social and religious instructions.

Some eighty years ago, the Universalists in town began to have occasional preaching. Not until 1805 was a society formed. In 1851 their church-edifice was erected, and in

1875 their church-organization was perfected. Among their sainted ministers may be mentioned Baily, Bassett, and Record.

It is pleasant for us to realize now the fact that there never have been any bitter religious persecutions in this town. As a rule, all have been left to choose religiously for themselves with none to molest or make afraid.

In this connection, I am pleased to make mention of the worthy sons of Marlborough who have entered the ministry. Rev. Cyrus Stone was the first one who went forth as a gospel minister. Fitted for his work, he sought heathen lands, bearing the "glad news" to famishing souls. Self-sacrificing in spirit, he spent his life in the Master's service.

Rev. Osgood Herrick was another minister who won laurels at home and abroad for his ability and power in the pulpit.

Rev. Luther Wiswall who is still laboring as a preacher, has proved himself worthy and successful. He is regarded by his people, where he has been long settled, as a man of culture and sound judgment. He is most esteemed where he is best known.

Rev. William C. Whitcomb, of sainted memory to so many of us, was an eloquent preacher and true reformer. Though the destroyer cut him down in his prime, yet his life was earnest, faithful, and full of good works.

Rev. Philander Wallingford has long labored as a worthy Christian minister. If age has written its furrows on his brow, his heart is still young and his mind strong with Gospel truth.

Another whose face is familiar to most of us is Rev. Edwin Davis who is known only to be respected for his ability and moral worth. He has already written out for himself an honored name as a Christian minister.

John Capron and your speaker, two other clergymen, had their birth in your town.

Let the spirit of the Master continue to work in the churches of to-day, and they will bless and prosper as never in the past, and will hasten the good time when "swords

shall be beaten into ploughshares, and spears into pruning-hooks." Christians never have gained anything by persecuting. Wherein they cannot agree as to the letter, they ought to agree to disagree, and then they would enjoy the fruit of the spirit which giveth life and Christian growth.

Of the educational history of the town, you have already in print and circulation an interesting account of your schools for the past hundred years. This supersedes the necessity of my dwelling upon items and particulars.

It seems our forefathers in the early settlement of the town took wise forethought, setting apart a portion of land for the support of schools. However insignificant the little seeds which they planted may seem to us, nevertheless, they took root, sprung up, and have produced a hundred-fold of fruitage. Feebly could that first teacher in Marlborough, James Brewer, during the winter of 1770 and 1771, have estimated what would be the result of that little school which he was keeping in the private house of Phinehas Farrar. How grand is the centennial tree which we behold, the outgrowth of that tiny planting! Its blossoming has been prolific, and its fruits are verily manifold. With pride we may look to the schools of our native town. They have furnished more than a hundred and seventy-five scholars who have gone forth as teachers. Well may it be asked, "What other town in New Hampshire, with a population little more than a thousand inhabitants, can show a larger and more honorable list than this?" But none can feel Marlborough has been too liberal in the support of her schools. To this and her religious instructions may be traced, in no small degree, the reasons why so few crimes have been committed within her limits; why there have been so few paupers; why, possibly, the town never has been able to support a lawyer; why temperance organizations and literary associations have been so successful. Had it not been for her schools, do you think she would have sent forth Philip Sweetser, Joseph C. Mason, Luther Jones, Marquis De Lafayette M'Collester, William Converse, as lawyers, who rank high in their profession, and whose future is full of promise?

Had it not been for your schools, Hannah Jones, now Mrs. Grosvenor, would not have been fired with an ambition for a collegiate education, which she obtained under difficulties, when it was unpopular for a woman to be thoroughly educated. Neither would Henry W. Greenwood have fitted himself for a first-class engineer; and many others made themselves eminent as teachers, or skilful craftsmen in wood, iron, and stone.

Marlborough has furnished her full share of professional men. Quite a number have received a college-education.

She has sent forth her quota of ministers, physicians, lawyers, and eminent men. Let her foster her schools, taking advantage of every possible improvement of the age, and the rising generations will increase in love for intellectual culture and moral growth. In this way, new charms will cluster in her beautiful vales, and new glories will be reflected from her lofty and picturesque hills.

Often has the remark been made, as travellers have been passing through your town: "How bright and new the buildings look! How singular such a thriving village should spring up where the hills and rocks are so numerous!"

Cherish and support your schools, and more taste will be displayed, and greater attractions offered. Let these be what you can make them, and they will stand as beacons upon your hills to reflect honor and glory far and wide.

As a great help in this work of education, which gives to the present and the future advantage over the past, is your Free Library, the munificent gift of Hon. Rufus S. Frost, the ex-Mayor of his adopted city, and forever the well-wisher of his native town. That substantial stone structure, quarried from our ledges, and completed in 1866, at a cost of \$8,000, and furnished with \$2,000 worth of books, and \$5,000 more funded, so that its annual interest can be used yearly for replenishing it with new books,—all this he presented to your town, in behalf of the cause of education and Christianity. To show due honor and gratitude to the generous donor, let the books in that library be read and studied,—books of history, poetry, biography, ethics, science; and

minds here will come in contact with gifted minds elsewhere. Yes, close acquaintance may be enjoyed in this quiet town with Socrates, Schiller, Shakespeare, Scott, Franklin, Whittier, and a host of other gifted minds. In this age, for a town to be without a library is like an art-gallery without windows. Books are the glasses through which the young can see the past. Let them carefully and studiously scrutinize prophets and apostles, heroes and heroines, and they will desire to imitate their virtues, and walk their gilded heights. There is no other such monument to perpetuate noble worth as a *choice library*.

“ Blessings be with them, and eternal praise to Him who gives us choicest books and free libraries.”

From tradition and records, we learn that the long list of physicians who have practised medicine in this town the past century have acted no mean or common part. As a rule, they have been men of erudition and influence. One name among them stands out pre-eminent. The thoughts of many turn at once to the name of Dr. James Batcheller, who was not only a skilful physician, but a true politician and real reformer. Soon after he settled in the town, he became a thorough-going anti-slavery man. William Lloyd Garrison was his ideal of a moral hero; and his paper, a perfect paradigm of *good news*. Though for a long while he was the only subscriber to it in town, still that one copy had a wide circulation. Surely that was the case, if it was sickly; for, everywhere the doctor went, Garrisonism went. He was a true friend to the sick, the slave, and the good, wherever found. If his eyes *were* most always shut when he was awake, he saw more than most men. It is said, when he raised the roofing to his brick-house, as the custom was, he furnished plenty of *toddy*, which made them so merry and jolly they felt they must toast the doctor, as follows: —

“ This is the house that James built,
With ipecac, tartar, and pills.
May he be content therewith,
And cure the people of their ills.” *

* The author was Major Wiswall.

This same raising opened the eyes of the doctor; and a few years after, when he was building a barn, he decided it would be raised without any rum, but that he would give to all assisting, after the building was up, a good supper. Everybody seemed to be present at the appointed time, and the greatest excitement prevailed. The rum party, including most present, did not for some time offer to assist; but a few of the doctor's firm friends commenced the undertaking, the doctor continuing to assert the barn would go up without any rum, until, at length, cold water conquering, all took hold with strong hands, merry hearts, and steady heads. When the job was done, every one was fed with abundance of beef and potatoes, pork and beans, brown bread and pumpkin pies, cold water and spruce beer, making them more healthy and wise. Thus the good doctor early commenced preaching and practising temperance, which he continued to do so long as he lived.

In this connection, I would say Marlborough has sent forth young men who have become successful physicians; namely, Drs. Timothy Lane, Jeremiah Stone, Willard Adams, Jairus B. Collins, Augustus Davis, John Q. A. M'Collester, Daniel B. Woodward, and Sumner Mason. Some of these have become eminent in their profession.

As we contrast the present prosperous condition of Marlborough with what it was one hundred years ago, we can but feel progress indeed has been made. Happy homes are now all around us. How was it when Mr. Robert Worsley paid his first visit to the town prior to the Revolution? In his own words, he says: "I passed up the middle branch* of the Ashuelot River to the hill between the branch and Robbins Brook, where I discovered a deserted log-house on Cooper's Hill. But I continued my journey till I came to another cleared spot, which was afterwards called Ball's Hill, where I found a most splendid growth of hard wood, with some pine, spruce, and hemlock. Here, I felt, was the place for me to settle; for soil must be good to produce such timber."

* Now called Minnewawa.

So he put up his log buildings in the wilderness, and began to live. Wild animals then were common. One night, when Mr. Worsley was away from home, a bear took a hog weighing three hundred and twenty pounds from the pen, and, bearing it some distance off, killed it. The next day, the neighbors caught old bruin himself; and he weighed four hundred and twenty pounds.

Mr. Worsley speaks of a huge ash-tree, from which they split rails enough to last them for ten years in fencing their extensive lots. Also mention is made of a pine cut down by Silas Rhodes, out of which he split thirty thousand shingles and sawed several thousand feet of boards. These trees must have been similar to those growing in Oregon, which are said to be so tall that one must look three times before he can see their tops.

Our ancestors were very social, it would seem, and fond of fun. The English mirth, the Scotch humor, and Irish wit, were sure to express themselves at huskings, trainings, apple-parings, raisings, and night-mowing-bees, where generous hearts and active hands would do their best to bring up the rears of some delinquent farmer. Oh, how the fire would fly, as they swept over the stony fields! Oh, what stifled laughter at the end of the swaths! And, when the job was done, oh, the jokes, the plays, and the frolics of merriment which were sure to follow! Those were hale, happy old times, which can never be enjoyed in their heartiness again. It is right, however, that recollection should review them, and our hearts be refreshed by—

“Conning them o’er and o’er.”

Of course, as our fathers came to this country, they necessarily brought with them some of the faults and foibles of their native lands. The haughtiness of the English made them overbearing; the rigidity of the Scotch caused them to be dogmatical; the disposition of the Irish to wit rendered them hilarious and sometimes riotous: but their faults were usually only virtues carried too far. They were positive and substantial in character. They were social and fraternal in their feelings, polite in their manners, and faith-

ful to their duties. They sowed good seed in the church and home. They laid a solid foundation on which future generations might securely build.

The success of a town depends not so much on great external wealth as on the virtues planted in the hearts of the young and cherished in the bosoms of the old. The young grow strong by the hearth-stone consecrated by their fathers' good counsels and their mothers' prayers. All honor should be paid to our noble sires.

A century has gone since the wilderness here was first disturbed by the ring of the axe. The last hundred years are full of history. Within that time, five wars have caused these hills and valleys to echo with the blasts of the trumpet and the roll of the drum, calling men to arms. Within that time, the Indian has left his once favorite hunting and fishing grounds; the yoke of Great Britain has been lifted from our land; the foot of the French monarch has been forced from our borders; the Spanish flag within our dominion has been trampled in the dust; and the feeble thirteen colonies have grown into thirty-seven States and ten Territories, netted over with railroads and telegraphs, dotted with cities and towns, having seas and rivers whitened with the sails of commerce from every clime.

Here in our own country within the past century, the first steamboat was set in motion; the first railroad of any considerable length was constructed; the first telegram was sent; the first mower was made; and the first sewing-machine was patented. A hundred years ago there were but four small newspapers published in the country, and less than seventy-five post-offices. The last ten decades have witnessed surely many and great changes. Minds have invented and hands have wrought out wonderful improvements.

But there have been other changes in this town, which have been felt more than any to which reference has been made. The first generation of settlers in Marlborough has gone; only a few of the second remain, who are waiting with us, soon to be called to their fathers. A few more suns will roll round, and they will all be gone,—a noble ancestry,

bold as the summit of yonder mountain, determined as your roaring Minnewawa, gentle as the brooks purling through your meadows, and as tender as the air that kisses your hills. But the fathers are not wholly gone: their deeds are around us. We know of their thanksgivings to God when their rude homes were lighted up with children fresh from the hand of God; we know of their deep sorrows as their hearths were darkened and fond ones passed from their sight. For in their homes were altars of love around which bridal joys were wreathed, and shrines, too, which were often draped with bitterest affliction. But, as we visit their graves, the graves of our kindred, how significant the past!

Thanks be to God, they live! The stone has been rolled from the door of the sepulchre, and the fathers are clothed with life immortal. Let the influence of the sainted dead rest upon us. May they continue to teach us of their fortitude in the wilderness, on the field of battle, and in their struggles for liberty; of their devotion to their homes, their schools, their church and country. Their inheritance is worth all it cost. Their bestowals upon us are beyond the price of rubies. As the grass shall grow green over their graves and the pine sing its requiem above their peaceful ashes, may their lives blossom perennially in the memories of the living, making New Hampshire our Canaan, Marlborough our New Jerusalem, Monadnock our Pisgah, and Minnewawa our Kedron!

A hundred years have gone. A century hence, and the living here will be sleeping with the fathers. But may the precious inheritance which we have received, of freedom, truth, virtue, and faith, be so improved by our diligence, that our children's children at the second centennial celebration of the settlement of our native town, shall be blest with a hundred-fold greater inheritance than we enjoy to-day, and the sons will continue to call the fathers blessed!

Come, Patrick Henry, the eloquent vindicator of liberty; come, Franklin, the patriot and philosopher; come, Washington, the great general and wise man; come, Jefferson, the judicious counsellor and statesman; come, Hancock, from

the Continental Congress; come, Adams, from Faneuil Hall, with thy memory laden with the wisdom of the past and the present; come, Lincoln, the liberator of the slave and the preserver of human rights,—come, all ye national heroes, and teach us anew the worth of national freedom and State government.

Come, ye Pilgrims from Plymouth Rock; come, ye Revolutionary heroes, who fought for the rights of State and Nation; come, ye early settlers of our native town, who wrought so grandly for school and church,—come, all ye departed and honored fathers, and baptize us afresh with love and devotion to the mother of our nativity, leading us and our descendants in the ways of faithfulness to her future wants and prosperity, thus adding to her natural charms and glory all the shades and touching beauties of cultured Christian characters.

At the conclusion of the address, the speaker acknowledged his many obligations to Mr. Charles A. Bemis, Marlborough's historian, who had furnished him with many historical facts for his address. He also expressed his thanks to Mr. Thomas White, who, unsolicited, favored him with several important reminiscences, and to Mr. Charles K. Mason, who had been untiring in his efforts to lend him all possible aid.

10. Original hymn by Mrs. S. D. Osborne of Keene, read by Rev. E. Davis, sung to the tune of Italian Hymn.

HYMN.

Composed on the One Hundredth Birthday of the Town of Marlborough.

One hundred years ago!
 Swift has thy silent flow,
 Old Time, rolled on;
 Then forests crown these hills,
 These rocks no hammer thrills,
 No sound of busy mills
 To man is borne.

But strong young hearts are there,
 With wills "to do and dare";
 Trusting in God,
 They send the fiat forth,
 That things of real worth
 Shall have a noble birth
 On stream and sod.

Forests before them fled;
 Treasures, from rocky bed,
 Were brought to light;
 The dashing stream was stayed,
 Swift wheel and spindle played,
 Each artisan of trade
 Wrought with his might.

The house of God was reared;
 The school, 'mid shops, appeared
 To bless the land.
 Soon from their halls went forth
 Women and men of worth
 To every clime on earth,
 A noble band.

We gather here to-day,
 To gaze back o'er the way,
 One hundred years;
 Each one, with blessings fraught,
 Teach us "what God hath wrought,"
 And to us all have brought
 More joy than tears.

And when these vales and hills
 Have crumbled, and these rills
 Are hushed for aye,
 Then we, our earthly lays
 Exchange, for heavenly praise
 Will loud hosannas raise
 At Home on high.

11. Benediction by Rev. P. Wallingford of Claremont,
 a native of Marlborough.

AT TABLE.

Blessing invoked by Rev. Moses G. Grosvenor of Troy,
 Ohio, formerly pastor of the Congregational Church.

Ample justice was done to the repast by the multitude present, and much food was left unconsumed.

AFTERNOON.

Order being restored, the exercises were as follows, namely:—

Music by the band, "Marlborough Centennial Quick-step," composed by F. C. Hayes.

The President then called for the first sentiment, which was as follows:—

The Day we celebrate, our Country's Natal Day, the First Centennial of Marlborough,—An occasion of friendly greeting to all, of welcome home to our friends from abroad, of solemn reflections for the past, and of hopeful anticipations for the future.

Jairus Collins, Esq., responded to this sentiment as follows:—

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,—By the invitation of your centennial committee, I am called upon to respond to the sentiment just read: The day we celebrate, our country's natal day, the first centennial of Marlborough,—An occasion of friendly greeting to all, of welcome home to our friends from abroad, of solemn reflections for the past, and of hopeful anticipations for the future.

The day we celebrate, our country's natal day. It is well, my friends, in our journey over the sea of life, that we have stand-points on our passage, that we may take a retrospective view.

And this is a day eminently befitting such an occasion. It is well that we meet and greet each other with a cordial look and shake of the hand on this our double centennial day, review the past and contrast it with the present. Let us look where we see our national flag proudly waving before us, and read the meaning of those stars and stripes. One hundred years ago, a piece of coarse bunting was flung to the breeze, containing thirteen stars and stripes,—an emblem of a Nation's independence, the signal of the rights of man, a declaration that those thirteen States ought to be,



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and of right should and must be, independent of the British crown. This was a time that tried the spirit, the manhood of our forefathers. Though destitute of the comforts, and much more the luxuries, of life, they were equal to the occasion; and by their valor, patriotism, and perseverance, we are here to-day, enjoying the fruits of their labors, being protected in our social, intellectual, civil, political, moral, and religious rights and privileges by a government which their sacrifices, hardships, and sacred devotion to principle achieved,—yea, the best government the bright sun in the heavens ever shone upon. May we ever emulate their devotion, their self-sacrificing devotion to principle; and, while their names may pass into oblivion, let us, on this our country's natal day, commemorate their deeds of valor, and with joy and gratitude in our hearts entreat our heavenly Father, by well-ordered and virtuous lives, that he will continue to rule in and preside over the destinies of this our beloved country!

This is our first centennial of Marlborough. One hundred years ago, the hardy men and women who commenced the settlement of this town, where are they? Echo answers, Where? Their names are obscured by the lapse of time. Yet in the dim and faded records of the past may be found the pioneer names of the first settlers of our town. Some ten or more years before its incorporation, the names of William Barker, Isaac McAllester, Daniel Goodenough, Benjamin Tucker, Abel Woodward, and Joseph Collins head the list of pioneers in its settlement. From that time to the present day, what changes have been wrought! To recall some of these, we meet on this occasion. We extend the hand of welcome to all. We greet you, kind friends, with a thrice hearty welcome. We welcome home our friends from abroad. It is proper that we should welcome you here, to the old homesteads of former days and years long gone by. Although the old familiar farm-houses, fields, and yards, may be dilapidated and tenantless, or occupied by unfamiliar forms and faces, still past reminiscences will be revived, and solemn reflections will occupy the mind,

when we visit the scenes of childhood and youth, about which so many tender recollections cluster, that we are prone to recall the language of the poet when he says:—

“How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood,
When fond recollection presents them to view,—
The orchard, the meadow, the deep-tangled wildwood,
And every loved spot which my infancy knew;

“The wide-spreading pond, and the mill that stood by it,
The bridge, and the rock where the cataract fell,
The cot of my father, the dairy-house nigh it,
And e'en the rude bucket that hung in the well.”

We welcome you, friends, to our hillsides, valleys, glens, streams, and old Monadnock's splendid view. We welcome you to our mills, shops, schools, churches, to our homes and hearts. We thank you for leaving your work and homes, to meet with us on this festal occasion, in this beautiful grove, where the spirit of cheerfulness and friendship may mingle, and gladness glow from heart to heart. We welcome the children from our Sabbath schools, and from abroad, to see and hear and partake of the joys and spirit of the occasion. It is proper that the celebration of this day be enjoyed by them, that they should hear from those that speak of some of the hardships, privations, and sacred devotion to principles of the first or early settlers of Marlborough, when in a state of primeval, unbroken forest. It is well for you to know and all of us to think of those hardy men and women coming into this unbroken, dense forest, following their bold leader, William Barker, and felling the first trees, and commencing the settlement; building for themselves rude log-huts to protect them from the inclemency of the weather and the depredations of wild beasts and wild men of the forests. You, of to-day, might deem this rather an uninviting home. Then view them in later times, in many cases without the necessaries of life. They came here to make a home, to build houses, to clear up and cultivate fields, and raise, by the labors of their hands, something on which to live,—here to labor and endure, with a perseverance worthy of our imitation. Here they built, as they progressed,

houses, felled the trees, established schools, organized churches, passed over our hills and through our valleys without highways, travelling by marked trees from place to place, building mills, and thereby improving our water powers, and amid all the trials and hardships improving their mental, moral, and religious powers. And soon we see the fruit of their labors becoming more and more visible. Gradually their encroachments upon the forest show us broader fields, with waving harvests ministering to their wants. We look upon the bending, venerable forms of our fathers and mothers in their rural simplicity of character, with a just and manly pride of admiration, and we and coming generations will bespeak the gratitude toward them as public benefactors of our race. If we properly contemplate the great disadvantages which they encountered, and contrast them with the present state of things, we can scarcely fail to thank God in our hearts that *our* lot has been cast in more favored times, and that we, enjoying the necessaries, the conveniences, and even luxuries of life, may fail fully to conceive of the hardships and privations of those hardy pioneers. These venerable men and women, without roads, carriages, or even beasts of burden, bore upon their broad shoulders their grain to the distant mills, guided by marked trees through the dark, thick forest, with a perseverance equal to their task.

One hundred years ago,—how changed! The same sun in the heavens still shines benignantly upon us, but the face of Nature a different aspect wears. Our fathers and mothers, where are they? Echo answers, Where? View that venerable village of graves (too little cared for) on yonder hill, and those other villages of the dead on our eastern and western hillsides, and the more lately populated cemetery near by, with its three hundred and fifteen silent inhabitants of mother earth, and we have the answer,—Dust to dust returneth, while their disembodied spirits are with *Him* who breathed the breath of life into man, and he became a living soul. Their primitive habits, manners, and customs have passed away, and given place to others more in harmony

with our times and the progressive spirit of the present age. One hundred years mark the hand of progress in the arts and sciences,—oh, how rapid! Science has directed the labors of art, until results seem almost miraculous. Steam instead of beasts of burden propels our carriages as on wings, on the iron rail instead of over rocks and gravel and through mud and sand. The broad Atlantic's wide expanse is almost annihilated, and the forked lightning is tamed into subserviency to man, and wades through the briny deep, annihilating time and space, to carry messages of friendship and love to the most distant civilized countries. The means of civilization have progressed with equal strides of development. The rude log hut is exchanged for the modern improvements of labor and art. The schoolmaster has been among us. But, friends, the great question is, Have the intelligence and virtues of the people kept pace with the visible progress of the arts and sciences? Have the *ten talents* committed to our keeping been fully utilized, so that it can be said of us, Well done, good and faithful servants, when the future shall look back upon the past?

One hundred years,—what changes have occurred in the nations and governments of the world! Thrones have tottered and kingdoms fallen, kings crowned and dethroned. Our national government has arisen through its incipient stages of infancy, childhood, and youth, and passed onward and upward into mature manhood; and, by the labors and persevering patriotism, under a benignant Providence, our forefathers have bearded the British lion through a bloody war of eight years, maintained their manhood in 1812, crushed out the late Rebellion, maintained the liberty and rights of man, and shed a halo of glory for the emulation of the whole civilized world.

The second sentiment was read:—

Our Forefathers.—Austere in their manners, strict in the execution of the laws and the observance of the Sabbath and all religious duties, primitive in their habits and customs, would it not be well for young America to imitate many of their examples,—practise their economy, have the same regard for law and order, and their high sense of honor?

Song,—“Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers.”

The following letter from Sumner Frost, Esq., of Derby, Vt., was then read:—

DERBY, June 23, 1876.

TO CHARLES K. MASON AND OTHERS:

Gents,—Your very kind and flattering invitation to be present at the centennial *celebration* of the good old town of Marlborough on the 4th of July next,—the town where *first* dawned the light of day upon me, and where are many of my earliest and most pleasant recollections,—and assist in *commemorating* the *day* with appropriate *ceremonies*, is this day received.

I can assure you that it would be a great pleasure to me to be present with you on that *occasion*. My engagements are such that it will be *wholly* impracticable. With my best wishes for a complete success, and my kind regards to you and the many kind and loved friends of my native town, I remain,

Yours truly,

SUMNER FROST.

Third sentiment:—

The Church,—The great nursery of truth, virtue, and practical Christianity.

COMMUNICATION FROM REV. LUTHER WISWALL OF WINDHAM, MAINE.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF INVITATION:

Gentlemen,—I thank you for the kind invitation to be present and take some part in the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the organization of the town. It is a source of gratification to know that I am remembered after an absence of more than forty years. But, while I should be very glad to be with you on that occasion, the various calls for service nearer home will most likely make it virtually impossible.

The sentiment to which you invited me to respond is one very near my heart; namely, “*The Church,—The great nursery of truth, virtue, and practical Christianity.*” In regard to the true Church of Christ, of whatever name or in whatever clime, I would say:—

“One family we dwell in him,
One Church above, beneath,
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death.”

Most of those members of the great family when I became a member, now, I trust, belong to the family above. But to confine myself, as you suggested, to the history of the Church in Marlborough. I must premise that, with the exception of a few historical dates, I must depend on personal recollections previous to 1834, in which year I left my native town. For while I have occasionally visited my early home and have known something of the progress of its civil and religious concerns, yet not so as to enable me to speak of them, among those who understand them much better than I can be supposed to do.

Aside from the Congregational Church, there was a Methodist society organized, as I have understood, about the year 1800. It was composed of members living in Marlborough and in the neighboring towns of Dublin and Nelson. Their meetings were held in the eastern part of the town. I recollect of occasionally attending their meetings at the house of Mr. Herrick.

There were several Baptists in town, but I am not aware of any organized church of that denomination previous to 1834. Some of them were connected with the Baptist Church in Dublin, of which Elder Willard was pastor.

There was occasional preaching by ministers of the Universalist persuasion, previous to 1820;* but I do not know that there was any organized church or society in those early years, or while I resided in town. Usually, as I recollect, their meetings, which I sometimes attended, were held in the school-house, then standing on the opposite side of the road from the present residence of Mrs. Davis.

The first preaching by *Unitarian* ministers was in 1823 or 1824, and occasionally for some years afterwards. The preachers were graduates of Harvard College. I think a Unitarian Church of a few members was organized during those years. I do not know any thing of its subsequent history. The above imperfect sketch of different denominations will of course be supplemented by those now living among you.

* There was a society formed March 29, 1806.

In addition to these, there was another voluntary but informal institution, which exerted a great influence in a religious point of view. I refer to a social conference and prayer-meeting held on Sabbath evenings at the school-house before mentioned. I cannot tell when it began as a regular meeting, but it was previous to 1820, and continued, with occasional interruptions, as long as I resided in town. Usually, no minister was present, and Christian brethren of different denominations by turns took the lead of the meeting, in which all who were disposed took part in the exercises of prayer, exhortation, or singing.

Among those more or less prominent in these meetings, but scarcely remembered by the present generation, I recollect among the Baptists the venerable Deacon Cummings and Mr. Thatcher and his son Elias, who, I believe, continues to this day among you; also Mr. Samuel Gage and Mr. Clark Mason. Among the Congregationalists were Deacon Kimber Harvey and Deacon James Farrar and his elder brother William, Deacon Simeon Whitcomb and Joseph Frost, Jr. Of the Methodists who attended, I recollect but one name, that of William White. I suppose their social meetings were held in the same neighborhood with their preaching service.

I can speak more at length of the Congregational Church, of which I became a member in 1822. It was organized in 1778; and Mr. Joseph Cummings, a native of Topsfield, was ordained as its pastor at the same time. But people were dissatisfied with his conduct, and he was dismissed after two years; and the church remained destitute of a pastor for nearly thirteen years, though they had preaching a part of the time from different ministers.

In 1793, Mr. Halloway Fish, a native of Upton, Mass., and a graduate of Dartmouth College, was ordained pastor, and remained such until his death in 1824,—thirty-one years. To adopt the words of another, which are in accordance with my own impressions, Mr. Fish “was serious and devout in his spirit, exemplary in his life, thoroughly orthodox in his opinions, and faithful as a minister of Christ.” He was a

man of sound judgment, but not distinguished for popular pulpit talents. Two years before his death, a revival of religion brought thirty-eight members into the church.

About one year after his death, Rev. Salmon Bennett was installed as pastor, and continued five and a half years, when he was dismissed; and the church was without a pastor until 1835, when Rev. Moses G. Grosvenor was installed pastor. Mr. Bennett was an acceptable preacher, and a man of very kind and genial spirit. But the church and religious matters generally were in a transition state, and for some years it was impossible to sustain a settled ministry.

In accordance with views generally prevailing at the time of the settlement of the town, and for many years afterwards, the civil authorities regarded themselves as under the same obligation to provide moral and religious instruction as they were to provide secular or literary instruction, as in our common schools. This, of course, involved a sort of union between Church and State. So it was the town that built the meeting-house, and in conjunction with the Church chose the minister; and his salary was raised by tax on the town, the same as the wages of school-teachers. I do not think there was any law of the State requiring towns or churches to support ministers of any particular denomination; and among my earliest recollections of these matters was this, that any citizen who chose so far to identify himself with any other religious society as to contribute to its support was released from paying the minister tax. In 1819, the State law was changed, so that no man was obliged to pay any thing for the support of religious teaching. A year or two before the death of Mr. Fish, the majority of the people, not being favorable to his religious views, though not agreeing upon any other, decided, as they had the legal right to do, to allow the adherents of different denominations to occupy their meeting-house, each their due proportion of time. The proportion assigned to the Congregationalists was, I think, less than a third. And for several years the old meeting-house was occupied in turns by Unitarians, Baptists, Methodists, and Universalists, as well as Congregationalists.



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This state of things was not conducive to harmony, or kind feelings among people, nor to the progress of true religion.

The Congregationalists finding themselves unable, under these circumstances, to sustain a settled ministry, and finding also after a few years that they were diminishing in numbers and pecuniary ability, finally, encouraged by the promise of some aid from abroad, resolved to build a house of worship of their own, and give up all claim to the old house. But there was a difficulty which delayed them for a time. Among the few who were willing to aid, there was a difference of judgment and interest in fixing upon a location. Some proposed a site on the hill near where Dr. Batcheller then lived. Others preferred a site on what was called the Goodenough knoll, near where J. Merrill Davis now lives. According to my recollection, it was only by a plurality of one or two shares that the present location was selected.

To account for hesitancy in regard to the location, it must be remembered that within the bounds of the present beautiful village there were only a few families, and those, mainly, not in sympathy with the church; nor was there any special prospect of increase. I left town soon after the foundations of the house were laid.

Of the history and progress of the Church for the last forty years, I do not feel competent to speak.

The Church looked upon it as a calamity and a hindrance to their prosperity and a source of great discouragement to Christian labor when, more than fifty years ago, they were denied for a considerable portion of the time the use of the house which they had occupied more than forty years, and in which all their religious associations had centred. I confess to have shared in these feelings. But as I now look at it, in view of results, I regard it as a great blessing in disguise, the hand of God being in it.

I spoke of the promise of aid from abroad in building the house of worship. Perhaps some would like to know the sources of aid. The first was a subscription of about \$140, obtained by Miss Polly Barker, formerly a member of the

Church, but who had been for some years a resident of Boston, where she obtained the subscription. Through the instrumentality of Rev. Mr. Baston, some aid was obtained from Keene. Subscriptions were procured in Nelson, Fitzwilliam, and Jaffrey, which were to be paid if the Church found itself unable to meet the expense of building by the sale of pews or otherwise. My impression is that these were not called for.

In concluding, I wish to express my joy that, among the true followers of Christ of different names, there appears to be more harmony and co-operation than formerly. I trust it is so in my native town.

To use in substance the language of another, "I think there is a day, not very distant, when from the watch-towers of Asia, once the land of 'Lords many,' there shall roll out the exultant chorus, 'One Lord'; when from the watch-towers of Europe, distracted by divisions in the faith, shall roll up the grateful chorus, 'One faith'; when from the watch-towers of our own America, torn by controversies respecting the initiatory rite of the Christian Church, shall roll forth the inspiring chorus, 'One baptism'; when from the watch-towers of Africa, where it is felt as if the God of all the race were not her God, as though the Father of the human family were not her Father,—when from the watch-towers of despised and long-neglected Africa shall roll forth the chorus, 'One God and Father of all'; when the sacramental host, scattered over the face of this lower creation, shall spring upon their feet, and, seizing the harp of thanksgiving, shall join in the chorus with responding angels, 'One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all, to whom be glory, dominion, and majesty and blessing forever!'"

Music by the band.

Fourth sentiment:—

The Contributions of Marlborough to the Population of our Large Cities,— Among them are men whose untiring business habits have enabled them to amass much wealth; but their gold has not encrusted their hearts. We trust their liberality and benevolence will continue to increase in a ratio proportionate to their additional means.

LETTER FROM HON. RUFUS S. FROST.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D.C.,
June 29, 1876.

Messrs. CHARLES K. MASON, CHARLES A. BEMIS, C. E. HARDY, *Com-
mittee:*

Gentlemen,—I rejoice that the good people of my native town are to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the settlement of the town on the 4th of July next, and sincerely regret that other duties will prevent myself and wife from participating with them on that occasion.

I have always loved Marlborough, and have been proud to call her my native town.

The toast to which you invite me to respond is an excellent one; and, as it does not apply to myself personally, I feel all the more freedom in responding to it. Although it is said to be very convenient to have wealth, my own opinion has always been that a good reputation is much to be preferred. I admit that both are desirable, and am glad that so many sons of Marlborough who have remained at home, and also those who have removed to other places, have acquired both.

The man who owns his well-stocked farm, and is clear of debt, is a richer man than he who lives in the city and is frequently taking risks large enough to ruin himself and family, although his yearly income may be much greater than the farmer's.

You may ask, is the latter a necessity? I answer no; but with the large expenses of the city is the temptation to take large risks. Hence the ruin of so many. In responding to the toast assigned me, I desire to impress upon the young people of Marlborough the idea that success in life comes only from hard work and strict attention to some chosen occupation in life. I believe that these qualities, applied to a well-selected farm, would yield as good an income, with more independence and better health, than the average of other kinds of business away from Marlborough.

Our heavenly Father has given the town great natural advantages, besides the beauty of its hills and valleys. Its water-power, which can be largely increased, gives occupation to many people in the village, while the farmers thereby find a ready cash market for their produce.

Let the people of Marlborough, like true patriots, stand by their town, and give their assistance to all its religious, educational, and business interests; and the future prosperity of the town and its people will be secured.

With my cordial respect for you, gentlemen of the committee, and the people whom you represent, I remain,

Sincerely yours, etc.,

RUFUS S. FROST.

Fifth sentiment:—

The Future Generations of Marlborough,—May they emulate the courage, patriotism, and virtues of the past, now quietly resting beneath the green turf of our native hillsides.

Responded to by Rev. J. L. Merrill.

Sixth sentiment:—

The Flag of our Union,—A century ago a piece of striped bunting unfurled to the breeze of freedom, now floating on every sea, and proudly waving over thirty-seven States at home, the shield of liberty, a terror to oppression and tyranny.

LETTER FROM COL. HENRY W. GREENWOOD OF DUMMERSTON, VT.

PHILADELPHIA, June 18, 1876.

MESSRS. CHARLES K. MASON, CHARLES A. BEMIS, C. E. HARDY, *Committee*:

Dear Sirs,—I regret that I cannot be present with you and the people of Marlborough on the 4th of July, to celebrate the double anniversary on that day.

The wandering life necessary to one of my profession has prevented me from adopting a permanent home elsewhere; and, for that reason, Marlborough and my boyhood haunts have ever held the memory of the "dearest spot on earth to me," and though family-friends are scattered, and the old stone house has passed into other hands, I dearly love to visit "The Harbor," the pet name of my native village.

The response to the toast "Our Flag" must be a silent wish that it may wave for many centuries over Marlborough and the entire country.

Educated in military science, I naturally fell into the rank and file in 1861, and followed the fortunes of the "battle flag" of the army of the Cumberland (the reunion of which on the 6th and 7th of July at this place prevents my joining you on the 4th). I have wandered under the protection of the dear *old flag* over the Plains of the great West, across the Rocky Mountains, through the sands of Southern California, and claimed its protection in foreign lands with a pride that is natural to an American.

Ever yours truly,

W. H. GREENWOOD.

Song,— "Our Flag and our Nation."

Seventh sentiment:—

The Primitive Inhabitants of Marlborough,—Their simplicity, wisdom-energy, and virtues, were equal to their hardships, privations, and toils. May we imitate the former, while we enjoy the fruition of the latter God bless their memory.

LETTER FROM DEA. PERLEY D. STONE OF ADAMS, N.Y.

ADAMS, JEFFERSON Co., N.Y., June 5, 1876.

CHARLES A. BEMIS, CHARLES K. MASON, CYRUS E. HARDY, *Committee of invitation to attend the anniversary of the organization of the good old town of Marlborough, N.H., on the 4th of July next:*

Gentlemen,—Yours of May the 25th was received in due time. I am more than pleased that such a celebration will be had; should be glad to be with you on that occasion, and share with you the pleasures and sorrows that will vibrate in every bosom. Pleasure and sorrow often mingle together on such an occasion. But my age and other circumstances (I now think) will prevent my being present.

You wish me to respond as to the *first settlers'* simplicity, wisdom, energy, and virtues. I would say that they were made equal to their hardships, privations, and toil. Were I present with you, I would speak to you, and have you realize if possible, the township as it was one hundred years ago, with its unbroken forests,—those hills and valleys groaning under the weight of those towering oaks, maples, beech, bass, and hemlock, that must fall before the axe, and be cleared up so as to be productive; and those rocks to be dug out before the plough could turn up the soil, and raise sufficient for the support of those growing families numbering from eight to sixteen children.

To accomplish this did require simplicity, wisdom, energy, and virtues; and, thanks be to God, our ancestors possessed these qualities in a remarkable degree, as is shown by their fruits. They possessed in a remarkable degree educational and religious principles, as is evident from the erection of a house for the worship of God at so early a period, and by planting the school-house in every district, and by the respect shown to the sanctity of the holy Sabbath, sustaining the ministry for all these rolling years. May God bless to us, their descendants, the remembrance of our fathers and mothers, that we may copy all that “was lovely and of good report,” and shun all that was wrong, so that we, their descendants, may do good and be useful while living, and die the death of the righteous.

Yours truly,

P. D. STONE.

Eighth sentiment:—

The Clergy,—May they, as ever, be found in the front ranks of intelligence, vital piety, freedom, and practical righteousness.

Responded to by Rev. Edwin Davis of Canton, Mass.

Ninth sentiment:—

The Venerable Men and Women with us to-day,—With age, the emotional excitements and buoyant blood of youth pass away; but the heart of the wise,—the older it grows, the warmer it feels.

Deacon Abel Baker of Troy sent the following:—

TROY, N.H., June 26, 1876.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF INVITATION:

Gentlemen,—I would express to you my sincere thanks for your kind invitation, inviting me to be present and participate in and partake of the festivities of your centennial celebration in the town of Marlborough on the 4th of July next.

As it will probably not be convenient for me to be present at that time, let me give you some of my recollections of the events of my early life, which are still fresh in my memory.

I was born in that town, April 8, 1797. My father settled and lived on a new farm about one and a half miles east of the old meeting-house on the hill; and, as I attended school in two districts besides our own, I was acquainted with and entertain the greatest respect for my youthful associates in my early life, and formed many acquaintances which I still cherish with profound respect.

Among my teachers in the common schools were Esquire Gates, Capt. Whitney, Thomas Hardy, Rev. Mr. Rand, James Farrar, Asa Frost, E. K. Frost, Catharine Newton, Jane Gilmore, and Anna Harvey.

And among my classmates were Rev. Cyrus Stone, his wife, Attossa Frost, and Cynthia Farrar, who, after qualifying themselves by diligent study, went to India to teach the benighted inhabitants of Asia the Christian religion; and the two last beloved sisters found their last resting place in that distant country.

I likewise have a vivid recollection of the old meeting-house on the hill, and our Christian fathers of that day, as they were seated in their square pews; where the people from all parts of the town visited the sanctuary almost every Sabbath; where the Rev. Mr. Fish explained the Scriptures, and Col. Joseph Frost, with his pitch-pipe, led the choir, which performed the singing, to the great delight of my youthful mind.

There was also the huge horse-block on the north side of the church, where our fathers, at the beginning of this century and before, after mounting their horses, rode to the block, where their wives or daughters seated themselves on the pillion, sometimes with a child in their arms, and away they rode to their homes.

This horseback mode of conveyance continued for many years without much interruption; but a new way of travelling was introduced between 1812 and 1820.

The first one-horse wagon I ever saw was owned by Elijah Boyden, innkeeper on the hill, in 1812; and in a few years that mode of conveyance was general throughout the town. And since that time one improvement has succeeded another, until we have only to take passage by rail, and the utmost limits of our wide-extended country are reached in a few days. Then let us rejoice, and bless a kind Providence for all the improvements which have been made during the last one hundred years.

In conclusion, permit me to express my thanks to the Committee of Arrangements, my cordial good wishes to the old survivors of Marlborough, my old associates and their successors, while a tribute of respectful memory hovers over the graves of the departed. I close with the following sentiment:—

The grand Monadnock and Gape Mountains stand as watch-towers near your eastern borders. May your peace, prosperity, and temperance be as enduring as the everlasting hills!

Very truly yours,

ABEL BAKER.

Tenth sentiment:—

Our Revolutionary Soldiers,— Their names may be forgotten, but the fruits of their labors survive, shedding a halo of glory for the people, a prophetic hope to the nation.

Col. Nelson Converse responded to this sentiment in an able manner.

Music by the band.

Eleventh sentiment:—

Our Merchants,— May they in the future as in the past be honorable, upright, respected at home and abroad.

Elisha O. Woodward, of Grafton, Mass., who for twenty-five years was one of the merchants of Marlborough, sent the following letter:— *

GRAFTON, MASS., June 27, 1876.

CHARLES K. MASON, CHARLES A. BEMIS, C. E. HARDY, *Committee of Invitation*:—

Yours of the 6th instant, inviting myself and family to unite with the citizens of Marlborough in their centennial celebration, July 4, was duly received. In reply, I have to say I regret that other duties prevent my accepting your invitation, and sharing with you the enjoyment which the occasion would afford me. Though Marlborough is not my native town, and I am not now one of its citizens, yet my long residence there, covering a quarter of a century, and the intimate acquaintance with all its people, which the nature of my business, to which you allude, was so well calculated to give me, have made the place and its inhabitants, with all that pertains to its and their prosperity and welfare, dear to my heart; and it would give me pleasure to be present, and join with you and those who will again return to the home and scenes of their childhood, in commemorating, on the one hundredth anniversary day of our nation's birth, this important event in the history of Marlborough.

* Mr. Woodward has since returned to Marlborough, and to his former place of business.

Standing on the dividing line that separates the past from the future, memory brings to my mind many changes which have marked the twenty-five years of my residence in your town. But I will not trespass on your time further,— will only say in closing, enlarging a little on the sentiment to which you ask me to respond:—

May the merchants of Marlborough of to-day, profiting by whatever is found worthy of imitation in the experience of their predecessors, and improving the superior advantages of the present, strive to make their business, and thus make themselves, in the *future*, as *now*, worthy of support and respect.

Thanking you for the very kind and cordial invitation, and wishing you success in all your arrangements, I remain,

Your obedient servant,

E. O. WOODWARD.

Twelfth sentiment:—

The Mothers and the Daughters,— The joy and sunshine of our homes, and the pride of the century.

The committee assigned this sentiment to Warren H. Wilkinson of Springfield, Mass.; but he, being unable to be present, sent twenty-five dollars to help defray the expenses of the celebration.

Thirteenth sentiment:—

Our Public Men.

LETTER FROM BENJ. WHITNEY, ESQ., OF LITTLETON, N.H.

LITTLETON, N.H., June 17, 1876.

Gentlemen,— Accept my thanks for your cordial invitation to be present at the centennial celebration of the incorporation of the town of Marlborough on the 4th of July next, to respond to the sentiment, “The Public Men of Marlborough.”

Be assured it would give me great pleasure to comply with your invitation; but distance, and the liability to sudden attacks of indisposition of persons of my age, admonish me to forego that pleasure. But, permit me to say, a vivid recollection of more than two-thirds of the past century carries me back to those who are now considered the early inhabitants of the town of Marlborough; and, permit me further to say, the high moral stand taken by the public men of those days has had an abiding influence on succeeding generations. A defaulter to the town treasury was never known. But one attempt, and that an unsuccessful one, has ever come to my knowledge. I hope many other towns can boast as much, but am sure there are many others that cannot.

The first settlers of Marlborough were mostly farmers, emigrants from

Massachusetts,—not men of great means, but industrious, intelligent, and lovers of liberty. According to history, the Revolution found them true to freedom, and ready to fight to obtain it. With resources not abundant when it commenced, they were reduced to poverty when it closed. Their fields had lain uncultivated, and Continental paper money had become worthless. They were in debt, but not discouraged, and, to their honor be it said, by diligence and industry supported numerous families, and accumulated comfortable fortunes.

Again in 1812, as also in the late Rebellion, when the camp-fires were again kindled, and the authorities of the nation called again for help, the patriotism of the sons had in no wise degenerated from that of their worthy sires. Her quotas were promptly filled,—filled with men,—men ready to do battle for the honor and safety of the nation.

It must be a source of gratification to those who assemble with you on that day, whether at home or from a distance, after long separation, to renew their attachments, and mutually express their respect and affection for the place of their birth and the home of their childhood.

Again accept my thanks for your kind invitation. Gentlemen, I am, with respect,

Your obliged servant,

BENJAMIN WHITNEY.

Messrs. C. K. MASON, C. A. BEMIS, C. E. HARDY, *Committee.*

Fourteenth sentiment :—

Our Foremothers,—Their spinning-jenny spun but one thread; their muscular-power loom wove for the protection of their sons and daughters; the hum of the linen-wheel lulled their offspring to rest; the horse saddle and pillion was their only carriage,—models for wives, excellent patterns for mothers, the only ingredients from which to raise grandmothers.

This sentiment was wittily replied to by Dr. J. Q. A. McCollester of Ayer Junction, Mass. His speech was full of incidents of the early settlers, and we regret that we cannot produce it here for the benefit of our readers.

Song,—“Spirit of Freedom.”

Fifteenth sentiment :—

Roxbury, Marlborough's Seceding Daughter,—Forming a triple alliance in 1812, before she entered her teens, set up housekeeping for herself; regrets her folly, and desires a bill that she may marry a rich neighbor.

Eli Clark, Esq., of Roxbury, responded.

Sixteenth sentiment :—

Troy,—In 1815, partaking of the independent spirit of her northern seceding sister, with a loving heart embraced an amorous trio, and still dwells in peace with her maternal ancestry.

LETTER FROM HON. EDWARD FARRAR OF KEENE, A NATIVE
OF TROY.

KEENE, July 3, 1876.

My dear Sir,—Please accept, in behalf of yourself and the committee you represent, my sincere thanks for the kind invitation you have given me to be present at your celebration to-morrow, and respond to the toast with which you are to honor my native town. It would give me the greatest pleasure to be present with you and respond in person, and participate in the festivities of the occasion; but a part has been assigned me in my adopted city, which will prevent my observance of the day elsewhere.

It would be tedious for you to listen to my personal recollections of Troy. They are pleasant and interesting to me; and, as time passes on, I find myself living over my Troy life more and more often. I might recite many incidents in the history of Troy as well known by others as by me. That would be out of place here. Besides, that duty has doubtless been assigned to other and more appropriate hands.

The words of your toast seem somewhat strange. The nation has but just begun to recover from her exhausting effort to put an end to secession. I supposed "secession" had become a by-word. But now you speak of my dear old town as a seceder. Call it any name but that. Still the dignity and honor of a rebellion depend upon the question of its success. The great Rebellion which the nation has just suppressed, thanks to the heroes of the last decade and to the God of battles, was not a success, but went down in disgrace.

Not so with Troy. She fought a determined foe. Thanks to the men of 1815, she maintained her right to self-government, and secession became her honor. The union she then formed was legitimate, although smacking somewhat of forbidden plurality. No one,—I presume to speak for Troy,—no member of that union can desire that it should be less close. May no court of law or other authority ever be graceless enough to grant a divorce to any member of the family! May the union that made Troy a town ever endure!

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD FARRAR.

To CHARLES K. MASON, Esq., *for the Committee.*

Seventeenth sentiment:—

The Professions,—Their representatives at home and abroad.

This sentiment was ably and eloquently responded to by Marquis De Lafayette McCollester, Esq., of Waseca, Minn., a native of Marlborough.

Eighteenth sentiment:—

Marlborough,—Not aspiring to the dignity of a city herself, still claims many municipal officers of our cities as her sons.

Solon S. Wilkinson of Keene replied to this as follows:—

Mr. President, her modesty bespeaks her merit. Though she does not aspire to the dignity of a city and is not ambitious to assume a municipal form of government, she has a beautiful village, and is one of the most flourishing and enterprising of our New England towns.

For one hundred years she has stood first and foremost in all of the enterprises of the day; and as we look yonder, upon the marble slabs which mark the resting-place of the fallen heroes, we are assured that she never shrank from duty in the time of peril and danger. And as I look back over the past and note the position she has always taken, and which she takes to-day, I rejoice that this is my native town.

Mr. President, as I look about me, I see, on either hand, those who have and do occupy high positions of honor and trust. And as I look upon the noble men and women who are assembled here to-day, who have from time to time gone out from these hillside homes, to bear the heats and burdens of the day and bless the world, I am proud that I am one of Marlborough's sons. And should she feel to rejoice, as one by one rises to eminence, may her greatest joy be that they are worthy the trust. And, as her sons continue to go out from her, may it not be their greatest ambition to fill high places, but to fill them well; and may all their acts, whether public or private, be such as to defy criticism and investigation; and may their great desire be to live respected that they may die regretted, and long before another centennial year merit and receive the approbation of Him who holds in his hand the destinies of men.

Nineteenth sentiment:—

Our Bands,—They speak with brazen tongues, yet their notes, at their bidding, enkindle the fire of patriotism or the glow of friendship, melt the heart with tender pity or warm it into fervent devotion.

Response by the band.

Twentieth sentiment:—

Our Common Schools,—The pride of our land, the nurseries of knowledge, intelligence, and self-government, the only safeguard to the perpetuity of the liberties of a free and enlightened nation.

Henry C. Tenney, of Orange, Mass., spoke as follows:—

The vitality of every community depends upon its educational interests; and the rank any nation takes among its compeers depends solely upon the intellectual *status* of the people. Thus whatever affects the general intelligence of a community affects its moral, social, and political standing.

Is it, then, a wonder that “the heroes of ’76” equally guarded their educational with their political rights? Is it strange that we had intellectual as well as political heroes?

Thus the common-school system of the land became co-existent with the oft-repeated “inalienable rights” of one century ago; and hence the political standing of our government to-day, of which we all are so justly proud, is but the outgrowth of the common-school seedling planted by our sires little more than two hundred years since. As these have been nourished, political science advanced, the moral standard improved, general intelligence was diffused among the masses, and old New England, first and foremost in the rank, could but lead the van in the political, scientific, and intellectual spheres; and well has she held her own. America, first among the nationalities of the world; New England, ever foremost in America’s every great enterprise; New Hampshire, second to none, when brains are wanting, to make glory glad, to lift humanity higher, or to grapple with the mighty issues of national life.

The common-school system, though, like every other great and good institution, had its origin in and with that of Christianity, yet in its present and peculiar form it had its birth in New England; and, nourished by her fostering mothers, in its full-grown manhood it has become the pride and glory of our land; and in all the great councils of the continent, or even of the globe, it has truly proven itself “the nursery of intelligence, knowledge, and self-government.”

Its vital force has energized the arts and sciences, and their influence is felt in every land; has given an impetus to commerce, and its craft ploughs every water, its sail whitens every sea; has warmed the inventive genius till it glows and gladdens the hearts of all humanity in the multi-



H. C. Tenney

tudinous inventions that almost annihilate time and space; gives the toiling millions rest, yet beckons them on, and still on, to new fields of beauty and glory; it has fostered the spirit of discovery, and spread alike the jungles of India, the wilds of Africa, and the polar glaciers at our feet; it has visited the ocean's mysterious depths, and brought us its hidden treasures; it has enveloped the world in a network of telegraphy, and the electric current darts tidings to all people; it has augmented the keen vision of man till the minutest creations are ours to behold, and we are lost in wonder, admiration, and awe.

Thus has it become the key with which we unlock the garnered storehouse of created wisdom, the lever by which we move the world of thought, the beautiful sunlight that fills our inmost souls with the glow of intelligence, knowledge, and wisdom.

It is the *Common Schools* that open the germ of budding youth into the full bloom of manhood glowing through, and ripening into the golden sheaf of God's noblest work.

Its riches are alike dispensed to titled princes and cringing serf: it knows no high, no low, no rich, no poor, but with a just, equal, and liberal hand it freely offers its store to all. With it were reared the many noble heroes who in times that tried men's souls, knew only their country, their God, and the right.

With it were laid the very foundations of our national greatness; and in after years, when grown to a great and mighty people, it alone burst the shackles of human bondage and set the captive free. And though to-day our country groans in bitter anguish and inactivity,—'tis but the merited punishment of ignorance and vice long unheeded. Its power and force have grown, as have the nations. So must we guard, sustain, and support its interest, as we would strengthen our republican institutions. Given us as a birthright, let us transmit it to posterity, enlarged, beautified, perfected.

The golden sheaves of the world's genius of thought are being garnered for the coming ages. Eager millions will

feast at the board. Strengthened, they will pile the sheaves higher, higher, higher, till time is lost in the dim vista of coming centuries. Still our common schools will beckon on to richer fields, broader lands, more golden harvests.

The huge scroll of science will unroll at her bidding, new fountains of thought will gush forth to gladden unborn millions, and the infancy of a growing world of intelligence will be the cherished legacy of our posterity.

Truly then our common schools *are* the only safeguards to the perpetuity of the liberties of a free and enlightened nation.

Twenty-first sentiment:—

The Progress of the Century.

REMARKS OF PROF. A. E. DOLBEARE OF TUFTS COLLEGE.

Mr. Chairman, I thought when I received the invitation of the committee to respond to the sentiment "The Progress of the Century," that no subject could have been chosen that I should preferably have responded to. But it seems that nearly every speaker that has preceded me has, from necessity, made allusions to this progress, and by so much has covered the ground which I had expected to enlarge upon. The advances, however, have been so considerable, and in so many directions, that there is yet a good deal of outstanding material that has not been mentioned. Let me say, then, that the past century has been pre-eminently a century of inventions of labor-saving machinery.

The steam-engine, which we know is the work of our century, the most of the improvements which have been made upon the engine for steam-power, have appeared since 1782. Steam applied to the propulsion of vessels was first successful in 1806, upon the Hudson River. The success of the locomotive dates from 1829. The speed of travel upon the railroad has been steadily advancing since that time. In 1834 it was twenty miles per hour, in 1839 it was thirty-five miles per hour, in 1847 it was sixty miles per hour, and since then it has reached the wonderful velocity of one hun-

dred miles per hour. Men have never been able to travel fast enough. Every increase in speed has but increased the desire for still swifter translation. I am reminded of a story that old Deacon Guild told, whose name has been mentioned before to-day. After the Cheshire road was finished as far as Troy, in 1847, his son William, then living in Newport, R.I., wished his father to visit him; but the old gentleman saw the cars go by, and was afraid to trust himself upon them. After much persuasion, however, he allowed himself to be placed aboard the cars at Troy, though with much trepidation. The cars started, and he said that he expected every minute to be smashed up; but they moved along with no accident, and his fears wore away, and gave place to more enjoyable feelings; for, said the old gentleman to me, "Before we got half-way to Boston, *the faster they went, the better I felt.*" So it has been with mankind in general, in the business of travelling. The faster they go, the better they feel.

In 1837, the first ocean steamers were built; and here let me just mention that the year 1837 was a most remarkable year for various contributions of value in human affairs. I will simply mention a few of them of general interest: the screw propeller, the Morse telegraph, the daguerrotype, reform schools, ragged schools and industrial schools, female colleges, cheap penny postage,—these all belonged to that year.

Time will fail me even to specify all of the really valuable inventions and discoveries in mechanical engineering; but it ought never to go unchallenged,—that statement so often made, that the ancients had mechanic arts which surpass ours.

We know, indeed, that the Egyptians built huge pyramids which Herodotus says required, for the largest, the labor of a hundred thousand men for twenty years to lay the stones; but I am sure that Mr. Buss could make an engine that would in a year raise every stone to its place, and even deliver them faster than the workmen could place them.

Some of the stones in the United States Treasury Building at Washington are larger than any of the stones in the pyramids of Egypt.

Most of the things which rank among the conveniences of life, to even those old and called poor to-day, have been contributed by this century. In order the better to estimate their value and the poverty of past centuries in this matter, suppose you strip from your houses all those things which had no existence before this century, and think how they would look, and how you would like living in such surroundings. Strip the paper from your walls, the carpets from your floors, take down the steel engravings and the chromo-lithographs. Use candles instead of gas or kerosene, take off your door-knobs and make latches take their places, for the watch and clock use a sun-dial. Carry away all the books except the Bible, and perhaps *Pilgrim's Progress*. The piano and the organ have no place there, for the most of your furniture substitute old style. The sewing-machine will help make room for a loom and spinning-wheel. These are but a few of the changes which would be needed to reduce housekeeping to the conditions of a hundred years ago. I think that every one will agree with me that the changes which I have indicated in such an incomplete way have nevertheless been far greater than all the contributions of preceding centuries to such conveniences.

* We always listen with pleasure and profit to one who tells us of the deeds of heroism, of kindness, of charity, but they are such things as every generation can boast of, and every century has such heroes; but mankind has always accorded to intellectual work the highest place in its annals. There have been many epochs in history in which knowledge has advanced until it became science. Such a one marks the age of Newton, when the discovery of universal gravitation immediately raised astronomy to the dignity of a science which was indeed the crowning glory of that age. Let us see what has been accomplished in this line during the past hundred years. It has indeed been a century of sciences.

Consider what has been done. In astronomy, over a

hundred and fifty planets have been discovered, the whole heavens charted, the nature of comets and meteors been determined, and the distance of the sun and fixed stars calculated. Moreover, through the revelations of the spectroscope, the physical condition of the sun, of the stars, and distant nebulae, is now well known, so that what is called physical astronomy is almost altogether the product of this century.

The science of chemistry is just a century old. There was no science of chemistry previous to that time, so that that is peculiarly a product of this century. Equally so is the science of geology, which has been mostly developed within the past fifty years. The botany we know to-day is almost wholly the work of this generation. Then zoölogy had no existence as a science until within seventy-five years.

In the domain of natural philosophy, the laws of sound, of electricity, of heat, of light, of magnetism, and of energy, each a science by itself, have all been determined; and who shall say, in view of all these, that this century has not in the line of intellectual work surpassed all previous centuries? But this is not the end. We honor Newton for his great discovery, and most for his great generalization of universal gravitation; yet this century can show no less than four such generalizations, each one of which is worthy to take rank at once with the grandest achievement of Newton.

Of these I would speak first of the nebular hypothesis of Laplace, which the researches of late years have so entirely confirmed that all astronomers everywhere have adopted it as being the expression of the truth as to the origin of the solar system.

As the second, I would name the doctrine of the persistence of force, which, through the labors of Faraday, Grove, Mayer, Joule, and others, has forced its acceptance everywhere, and has profoundly modified all of our notions of the relations of work to force, and teaches that the amount of energy in the universe is constant, and that when force in one form disappears it immediately appears in some other

form. That heat may be converted into motion, and electricity or light or magnetism, and all of these being mutually interchangeable,—this is an achievement of which any century might feel proud.

Third, the doctrine of natural selection proclaimed by Mr. Darwin. This was much laughed at at first, but laterly it is not laughed at so much; and not a few of those who feared it most have become assured of its truth, while almost every naturalist in the world believes it. The doctrine itself is so revolutionary that its acceptance makes an epoch in natural history studies, and may properly be ranked among the greatest achievements of the nineteenth century.

Last, but not least, is the doctrine of evolution, proclaimed by Mr. Herbert Spencer, and worked out by him with a marvellous skill, and exhibiting a wonderful knowledge of phenomena both physical and mental. Prof. Jevons said lately of this work that nothing had appeared comparable with it since the publication of Newton's *Principia*. It reduces to law, order, and relationship all phenomena, and will point out the true functions of government, and help to the solution of all of the now knotty questions in politics, religion, and education.

With such a record as this, the past century has no reason to be ashamed; for its labors have been more than tenfold the labors of any other century, and its progress has been an astonishment even to itself.

Twenty-second sentiment:—

Emigrants from Marlborough, both present and absent,— Scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Tropic to Tropic, may their early instruction prove a shield in the hour of trial, and assist them to fill with honor and usefulness the different stations in life they are destined to occupy!

This was wittily replied to by J. W. Converse, Esq., of Springfield, Mass. The wind rose to almost a gale while he was speaking, so that it was with difficulty he could be heard; but he was urged to go on, which he did, much to the edification of those who remained to hear him.

THE CENTENARY.

On Marlborough's hundredth anniversary,
 We hail our Nation's centenary day:
 We'd ring long and loudly sweet Liberty's bells,
 As on every breeze the clear pæan swells.

Lusty huzzahs for the "red, white, and blue,"
 The symbol of principles just and true;
 On land, at sea, where'er she may wave,
 Her stars gleam with light for the true and the brave.

We meet, and songs of deep gratitude bring,
 And offer our God, our nation's great King.
 Oh! what hath he wrought, and how hath he led,
 Blest and delivered, protected and fed!

Our Nation's faithful defenders who sleep,
 We gratefully mention, revere, and weep:
 Greatly be honored each citizen true,
 Who donned and wore for his country the blue.

With words of good cheer, and kindness replete,
 We gather to-day each other to greet;
 Together to talk of the memories of yore,
 And God's guiding grace midst our toils to implore.

We meet to look backward, around, onward, up,
 To chat, and to sing, shake hands, and to sup:
 May this day be cherished in memory,
 As still on we sail o'er life's turgid sea!

Hark! what music's that so cheering
 From the distant Orient?
 Who are they so sweetly singing,
 As with hearts and voices blest?
 List! they are good news proclaiming,
 And in confidence they speak;
 They with holy zeal are flaming,
 They are Christ's disciples meek.

Onward in her happy mission,
 Goes the Church lost men to win;
 And to save from false ambition,
 And the subtle ways of sin.
 Through the ages dark and hoary,
 'Midst the fagot, rack, and chain,
 She hath told to men the story
 Of the cross,—and not in vain.

For, behold, the light of gladness
 That is beaming in the sky,
 Which would win man from his madness,
 And that brightens sorrow's eye!
 As the gospel light advancing,
 Driving sin's dark clouds away,
 Knowledge, science, art enhancing,
Brighter dawns each century.

And as we, the *last* reviewing,
 Note the light's advancing power,
 With our hope and faith renewing,
 We can see the golden hour
 When to ploughshares swords are beaten,
 And men go to war no more,
 And when love and justice sweeten
 Every heart the wide world o'er.

Oh! what progress marks our century!
 What improvements year by year!
 How sublime our Nation's history,
 Never as this hour so dear!
 Thrice baptized, her flag is floating
 O'er the soil redeemed and free,
 For no tyrant now is gloating
 On her chains and slavery.

With electric fluid speaking
 To the nations far away,
 With the mightiest competing
 In all technics of the day,
 With our railroads now uniting
 Gulf to lakes and sea to sea,
 As the millions were inviting,
 Who can judge what we shall be?

What a work the press is doing
 In our great America!
 Reconstructing, and renewing
 Bonds of union sweet to-day,
 With magnetic power and wonder,
 Speeds its influence o'er the land!
 May its lightning and its thunder
 Evermore the wrong withstand!

With our books and schools refining,
 With our courts of justice pure,
 Press with pulpit e'er combining
 Freedom's blessings to secure,

Every man in every station,
 We shall be a beacon bright,
 And an honored, happy nation,
 And to all the world a light.

Gentle hearers, friends so dear,
 Who with joy have gathered here,
 Though perhaps you scarcely need,
 Will you a monition heed?

Since in God we move and live,
 Since from him all good receive,
 Men of Marlborough, ladies too,
 To yourselves and God be true.

Sad will be the day when ye,
 Failing thus to grateful be,
 Have forgotten whence you came,
 And shall dare revile his name.

In Jehovah's might confiding,
 In his favor thus abiding,
 Oh, to him your tributes bring,
 And his praises ever sing!

Cherish long the memory
 Of your sires who've passed away,—
 Noble men who planted here
 Institutions sweet and dear.
 With no dram-shop's baneful sway
 Leading young and old astray;
 But with ample churches, three,
 Heralding salvation free;
 With good schools of fair renown,
 Shedding influence sweet around,
 With water power and fruitful soil
 Requiring well your faithful toil,—
 May it be your earnest care
 E'er to seek *to do and dare*
 For the right, and e'er aspire
 With a patriotic fire!

May the star of Marlborough shine,
 With a lustre pure, benign,
 Ever toward the zenith go,
 Where few rivals she may know!
 While on earth they may assemble,
 Like the pillars of a temple,
 May her sons, renowned in story,
 Be to her a joy and glory.

May her daughters, gems of beauty,
 Nurtured in the school of duty,
 Knowing well their God-like mission,
 Finding there their true fruition,
 Like the summer's gentle breeze
 Softly whispering 'mong the trees,
 Pure as roses of the morn,—
 Ever virtue's paths adorn.
 While the granite hills shall stand,
 May the guiding, loving hand
 That has blest a *century*
 Guide and bless posterity!

Twenty-third sentiment:—

The Violin,— Though superseded by the piano and organ, still speaks for itself.

P. S. Batcheller, of Fitzwilliam, sent the following:—

TO THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE GOOD OLD TOWN
 OF MARLBOROUGH, *greeting*:

I felicitate you upon being permitted by a kind Providence to behold this day,—this, the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of our native town, and of the nation.

With filial reverence, with heartfelt gratitude, let us thank the God of our fathers that we, their children, are privileged to commemorate with appropriate ceremonies this centennial year,—to us a double centennial. As the blessed memories of our early childhood come welling up, how the pulse of every son and daughter of our dear old native town quickens!

Again, we live over the days of “Lang Syne,” when the future loomed up so invitingly bright and golden. Then, to us, old time moved at but a sluggard's pace. Now, aye, *now*, he speeds on wings of lightning; and we fain would turn back his wheels, roll back the years, and become children once again.

It is eminently fitting—yea, a *duty*—that at this period of our town's history we pause for a moment, and, ere we cross the magic threshold, separating the past from the century just dawned, call home the scattered sons and daugh-

ters of this, the "Mecca" of our youth, that we may here, even as did the pilgrims to that more ancient Mecca, renew our vows of loyalty and love for the town whose children we are only too proud to be called.

Yes, call them home to mingle their congratulations with yours,—you who have so nobly borne the heat and burden of these years, from Marlborough's infancy to the glorious present.

With what fidelity you have discharged the duties incident to the healthy and rapid growth of our beloved town, this charming village fully attests. Aside from natural attractions, which are, indeed, very great, the village is in and of itself one of the most lovely in New Hampshire. The branches of industry here represented are many and varied. Every facility for rapid and permanent development, numerically and financially, is yours; and well have these been improved. Verily, you have wrought with your might.

I trust you will pardon me for thus wandering from a direct response to the sentiment just read, assigned me. You know that the present is an age of "new departures." 'Tis the fashion; and, having no especial desire to be "out of the world," I have feebly endeavored to be in fashion. At your *next* centennial, I will stick to my text. While thinking of the many natives of Marlborough who will to-day grace the occasion by their presence and eloquence, old school-fellows, I can but feel a degree of honest town pride that she has reared so large a number of eminent men, men so well filling the different positions in life to which they are called. She has sent forth ministers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, merchants, and — *fiddlers!*

It really matters not so much *what* we do, presupposing our calling honorable, as *how* we do. You have doubtless heard of old Billy Grey of Boston. When quite a young man, he was a drummer. Later in life, he became a popular merchant, and very wealthy. A rival in trade, with whom he had had some trouble, said to him one day, "Billy, I can remember when you was nothing but a drum-

mer boy." "Very true," says Billy Grey, "but didn't I drum *well*?" That's the point, my friends. Let us see to it that we drum *well*.

It has been said of the violin that it was the *devil's* own instrument. Well, all I have to say is, his' majesty's musical taste is far in advance of his morals.

Well do I remember my first violin. Forty years ago, I was made its happy possessor; and no candidate for presidential honors was ever made so completely satisfied with the "situation," though possibly more surprised, inasmuch as I knew the prize was to be my own.

But it is of my first violin *bow* of which I would more particularly speak. Just *think* of it, fair daughters of Marlborough, to remember your first beau,—your *very first*. The thing looks absolutely impossible. Still, in my case, memory serves me well. The fiddle came, but the bow with which to awaken its slumbering melodies was, alas! *non est*. Finally, after much anxiety and mechanical deliberation, one was manufactured at the old homestead on the hill, from the stave of a flour-barrel, that presented the desired bend and shape. With the addition of a little horse-hair, drawn from the tail of our favorite nag, the bow was complete in all its parts. Although not a "thing of beauty," it nevertheless brought great joy to that household. Of course I must give you the name of the artist to whom I was indebted for this little gem. Although it is customary for celebrated makers to stamp their names upon their productions, yet in this case the exception was the rule. Nothing but these words appeared, to wit: "Extra superfine."

Even to this day, I have inclined to the belief that they had more direct reference to the quality of *flour* the barrel contained than to the maker of the bow, who was Dr. James Batcheller. However, I am not disposed to be captious in the matter, and respectfully refer the decision to the good citizens of Marlborough, with whom he spent his best days, and *for* whom he cherished the kindest feelings of friendship and esteem. I deem no apology necessary for

referring to one who, though not a native, was so thoroughly identified with all that could in any way contribute to the prosperity of this, the town of his early adoption. Could he but speak to you to-day, no uncertain sound would assure you of his love for this people, of his unceasing devotion to those principles, the development of which has made Marlborough so eminently prosperous, her people so happy.

Among the natives of our town who made for themselves a reputation as teachers of the divine art of music, first and foremost stands the name of Osgood Collester. Who of his numerous pupils can ever forget his genial, facetious style of teaching, his beautiful playing of the violin?

It was while attending one of his schools that I experienced the first great grief of my life. At intermission one evening, and while we scholars were having a "good time generally," one of the young ladies (Miss Julia Wakefield) inadvertently sat down upon my violin. It collapsed like a torn balloon. She was distressed about it, I was frantic. My heart was broken, and—my violin. If ever I felt like singing, "How fleeting are all things below!" it was then and there. The minor key of *A-flat* would have been in exact unison with my feelings, for the dear old fiddle was *flat* "as a pancake."

Another name, and one held in very high esteem by Marlborough's true lovers of music,—Silas Collester, whose soul was as full of music as his heart of kind and generous impulses. His conception of the proper rendition of church music was most correct. Pleasant, indeed, are my recollections of my old chorister, Silas Collester. I am not quite sure that he was a native of Marlborough. At any rate, he *ought* to have been.

You will hardly expect me, my friends, to admit that the violin has been superseded by either the organ or piano. In my belief, it is the king of all musical instruments. Its tones more closely imitate the human voice than any other ever invented. Until *that* has been superseded, the sentiment that the organ and piano take precedence is not my

sentiment. Were I with you to-day, I would invite my violin to "speak for itself," and in its own behalf. Really, if the people of Marlborough *ever* felt like "tripping the light fantastic" to the inspiring notes of "Money Musk" and "Chorus Jig," now is the time and this the occasion.

I remember, when a lad, playing these tunes to a good, staid Marlborough man, a near neighbor; and, noticing he was not over-pleased with my efforts, I ventured to inquire if he *liked* dancing music. Said he hesitatingly, "Well, yes; but I want it played very slow!"

And now, in bringing these early reminiscences to a close, permit me to offer again my congratulations that you have been given so goodly a heritage, that the material prosperity of the town is so marked and gratifying, that the foundation for popular education was laid so broad and deep, and that the great principles of right, early inculcated by the fathers, and without which no community can hope to prosper, have been brought to so glorious a fruition. For myself, I can truly say, if I have any ambition to satisfy, any hope to realize, it is that, when I am gathered to my fathers, by no act of mine need you have cause to blush when you say, "He was a son of Marlborough."

Twenty-fourth sentiment: —

Early Reminiscences of Marlborough.

Rev. Philander Wallingford of Claremont responded to this sentiment as follows: —

Mr. President, sir, and ladies most fair,
And gentlemen also, I too would declare
My participation in your joyful mirth,
As we gather to-day at the place of our birth.

There's nothing on earth more dear unto me
Than the mountains and meadows and streamlets I see:
Like a deer I have roamed o'er these valleys and hills,
And for minnows and trout have fished in these rills.

But first let me tell you of things that I know
That happened, I'm certain, sixty-four years ago,
That my right here to heirship may ever abound,
And never be questioned the wide world around.

In the days of our fathers, when this land was new,
 And the settlements here were scattered and few,
 These townships were spacious, and broad were the bounds
 A century ago, when they chartered these towns.

Yes, Marlborough then, sir, of famous renown,
 Was broad in her acres, a large spacious town,
 O'ershadowed, it may be, by Monadnock Mount,
 Yet rich in her treasures, we this day recount.

But as the good people increased year by year,
 And centres of business were formed there and here,
 'Twas thought to be wisdom some towns to create
 From parts of old townships to make the lines straight.

So a strip from the south gave Troy her renown,
 And a gore from the north made Roxbury a town;
 But this does not make my condition forlorn,
 As neither existed before I was born.

The boys up in Roxbury, in sadness or mirth,
 May claim that small town as the place of their birth;
 And Troyites may think they were born in said Troy,
 But I claim to be, sir, a Marlborough boy.

'Tis true the old homestead, the house, shop, and barn,
 Where father made axes and mother spun yarn,
 Are standing to-day, sir, for aught I can tell,
 In Roxbury township, out on the side hill.

But the legislature, authority high,
 And Governor Plummer, though nervous and spry,
 Could not make a town ere the sixth day of June:
 I therefore outstripped them, arriving at noon,

In Marlborough, surely, and oped my young eyes
 To see your green pastures beneath your mild skies.
 I think you must own, for the reasons laid down,
 That I, sir, am truly a son of your town.

But very soon after—I know not the hours—
 They made a new township with corporate powers,
 And gave it the name of Roxbury, forsooth,—
 Appropriate enough, and thus not uncouth.

And so, without leaving our bed or our board,
 We found ourselves surely in Roxbury stored:
 This neither the parents or children enjoyed,
 And thus we were deeply and sadly annoyed.

With neighbors no nearer than Foster and Gove,
 My father concluded it wisdom to move :
 So packing his goods, vise, anvil, and all,
 He came to this village, a place then quite small.

Six dwellings, a school-house, two shops, and a store,
 Grist, saw, and carding mill, down on the Branch shore,
 But why its name "Harbor" the letters should spell,
 No one but a land-lubber ever could tell.

Then Tucker and Davis, the Holmans, and Ward,
 And Jonathan Whitcomb and E. B. Wallingford,
 Were considered to be the firm business men,
 In the year of our Lord eighteen twenty-one.

A bell was not needed to wake up that score :
 The blacksmith's trip-hammer rang out the hour four,
 Announcing to all that the day had begun,
 And work must begin in advance of the sun.

No wishing for slumber or sighing for sleep
 By men of that day, who expected to reap
 The fruit of their labor in a true, lawful way,
 By the sweat of their brow, in the heat of the day.

The evening approaching by signs in the west,
 And bodily lassitude calling for rest,
 Still labored they on, keeping pace with the sun,
 Till the orb of the day his journey had run.

The oldest of all this industrious group,
 Whose age and infirmity had caused him to stoop,
 Was Tucker, the deacon, whose name we revere,
 But the boys that were roguish thought him quite severe.

However the deacon and I were good friends :
 I brought in his firewood and fed his gray hens,
 Who, always when serving him doing my best,
 Would give me an apple as large as my fist.

And now I would give much more than a dime
 For one of his apples at this very time :
 No baldwin or pippin from nice grafted shoot
 Can equal in flavor his genuine fruit.

Whenever the deacon would take a short walk,
 Himself to regale or with neighbors to talk,
 His wife being aged, e'en fourscore and nine,
 And somewhat rheumatic in limbs, I opine,

Would go in her weakness and stand in the door,
 And say the same say she had oft said before,
 "Missa Tucker, where going?" (Oh, tell, or I die.)
 "Do go long and sit down," would be his reply.

The next one in order, permit me to say,
 And the one that made boots and shoes every day,
 Was Davis, our neighbor, who stuck to his trade,
 As all could attest by the shoes that he made.

A companion for children we found him to be,
 And ready at all times with us e'en to play;
 But always we found him much more than our match,
 Whenever we ventured some mischief to hatch.

I remember quite well, though 'twas done all in fun,
 That he happened one time myself to outrun;
 So catching my heels, by hook or by crook,
 He ducked my red head in the little trout brook.

Next, Holmans, the millers and sawers of logs,
 Who built them fine houses, and fatted large hogs:
 They also were busy in those good old times,
 When men preferred labor to making poor rhymes.

And no one was jealous, so far as I knew,
 Because they made houses of timber they grew;
 Or that they ground barley their porkers to feed,
 As all knew, of course, it was raised from their seed.

My father, the blacksmith, made ploughshares and chains,
 Shod oxen and horses, but small were the gains:
 However, he managed eight children to feed,
 And, with mother's prudence, supplied every need.

The merchant in broadcloth, of color dark blue,
 All made up in fashion and looking quite new,
 Who wore a broad neck-tie as white as the snow,
 And kept up a living that made a fair show;

Who sold to the women his buckram and tape,
 And took in exchange straw braid in good shape;
 Who bartered with farmers as money was tight,
 Receiving their produce both weighty and light;

Who traded with persons that came from afar,
 And treated his customers well at his bar,—
 This man of all others, by name William Ward,
 Seemed most consequential in that business board.

One morning we saw there, as soon as 'twas light,
 Some mischief performed in the dead of the night :
 The burglars had entered his store in the rear,
 And stolen his goods without favor or fear.

Such a stir as it made in that little tribe
 Exceeded by far my powers to describe :
 " *To justice, to justice!* these scamps we will bring,
 And break up at once this vile thievish ring ! "

So Holman and Davis, and Whitcomb and Stone,
 And Farrar and Converse, and Lombard and son,
 And Boyden and Thatcher, and Nason and Frost,
 All just in their prime, a resolute host,

Proceeded forthwith on fleet-footed horse
 To catch these vile knaves and give them remorse ;
 But whether they caught these villains or not,
 If ever I knew, I have long since forgot.

But none were more useful of all I can name,
 When girls wore pressed homespun and women the same ;
 And when the mechanics, and yeomanry too,
 Wore cloth their wives made of wool, flax, and tow,—

Than Jonathan Whitecomb, who, having good skill,
 With carding-machine and nice clothing-mill,
 Not only made rolls for the women to spin,
 But colored and dressed all the flannel brought in.

Their clothes made of homespun, ere shoddy was known,
 Would last lads and lasses till they were outgrown :
 The coat I have on, rather coarse, it is true,
 Is of cloth that was made forty-five years ago.

The soul most liberal of all in the town,
 Who rode his horse queerly o'er hills up and down,
 Was Doctor Batcheller, as seen through the eyes
 Of us little children, more simple than wise.

He came to my father's one bitter cold day,
 And while we, the children, were busy at play,
 He took very slyly from his large "saddle-bags"
 A genuine baby,—one not made of rags,—

And gave it to mother to keep as her own,—
 A generous feature in him widely known ;
 For this was his wont, at each house by the way,
 Which accounts for the crowd convened here to-day.

Out westward a furlong on the turnpike toward Keene,
 An inn painted red from the Harbor was seen ;
 But, as from my birth I have loathed such a place,
 I knew not the landlord, his name, or his face.

I felt toward the place where liquors were sold
 Like the Dutchman of whom *this* story is told :
 Who moving his goods and chattels out West,
 Being weary and thirsty, and sighing for rest,

Told John, his good son, the horses to drive,
 And he'd go ahead, that he might arrive
 Where he could find water, refreshing and cool,
 To slake his great thirst, and bathe in the pool.

Ere long he discovered the water he sought :
 He kissed it, but found it exceedingly hot.
 Not knowing the nature of a boiling spring,
 He cried out lustily that made the woods ring :

“ *Rive on, rive on, John !* Out of this place we'll get !
 We can't be but ten feet from the bottomless pit.”
 So if by a grog-shop I was forced e'er to go,
 I thought I was near to the region of woe.

The wives of these fathers were faithful and true,
 A word in their praise is certainly due :
 I remember with pleasure the prim Mrs. Ward,
 Full equal in worth to her portly liege lord.

Mrs. Holman, a worthy and complaisant dame,
 In all life's vicissitudes was always the same :
 I've heard my dear mother oft speak in her praise,
 While living her neighbor in those early days.

Mrs. Davis, a lady in stature quite small,
 But to me the fairest and best of them all,—
 If she were not present to hear what I say,
 I'd speak of her virtues more freely to-day.

The house of my mother, with white sanded floors,
 Showed neatness, and prudence whate'er were the stores :
 She suffered no carelessness ever to spoil
 The handful of meal and the small cruse of oil.

Permit me to mention another dear friend,
 Who came as our teacher, the summer to spend ;
 Where, in the red school-house, close by the old store,
 We learned more of letters than we e'er knew before.

I need not tell you the name of this one,
 She afterwards married our friend Wilkinson :
 Her sweetness of voice, her beauty and grace,
 Were known and admired by all in the place.

High up on the hill the meeting-house stood,
 A beacon to point the erring to God,
 Where they, by the preaching of Halloway Fish,
 Found food to satisfy their most ardent wish.

To that house of God I went in my youth,
 To learn in the Sabbath-school virtue and truth ;
 And now I possess a book I can show,—
 A gift from my teacher, fifty-seven years ago.

I remember with sadness an event of that day,
 That filled every one in the town with dismay :
 It occurred on the eve of the Sabbath of rest,
 A day then esteemed of all others the best.

Mrs. Harvey, whose age was nearly fourscore,
 And the wife of Charles Holman, we've mentioned before,
 Had spent the long Sabbath, their minds well to fill
 With sacred instruction, at the church on the hill.

Returning from meeting when the service was o'er,
 And nearing the village down by the Branch shore,
 Their horse, old and gentle, and trusty and right,
 From an unexpected occurrence took fright,

And, plunging and leaping, with fury he went
 Down, down the long hill of steepest descent :
 The harness was broken,—perhaps quite unsound,—
 They were thrown from the carriage, and dashed to the ground.

To portray to you this distressing affair
 Exceedeth by far my words to declare :
 Mrs. Holman was rescued, as Providence willed ;
 But her friend, Mrs. Harvey, was instantly killed.

That Marlborough's children thereafter might know
 The saddest disaster their records could show,
 A stone was erected, if I mistake not,
 To note the event and to point out the spot.

It also reminds us that short is our day ;
 That life is a shadow that passeth away.
 Our fathers and mothers, oh ! where are they now ?
 Like them, to death's mandate we shortly must bow.

With pleasure we meet this centennial year,
 Their deeds to recount and their names to revere :
 We think of them now, in a land bright and fair,
 With anticipations of meeting them there.

How sweet to reflect on reunion above
 With friends, the bestowers of labor and love !
 But our expectations must centre in God,
 Through Christ who has bought us with his precious blood.

My range of inspection of men and of things
 Is small, you perceive, and thus only brings
 To mind what transpired in a short space of time,
 When I was a boy in years less than nine.

Of farmers, mechanics, and things that occurred
 Before I was born, and of which I've not heard,
 And recent events which others well know,
 These Marlborough boys will faithfully show.

I am an itinerant, as some of you know,
 And so I left Marlborough fifty-five years ago :
 I therefore will weary your patience no more,
 And with due respect will yield you the floor.

Twenty-fifth sentiment :—

July 4, 1876,—The centennial of our Nation's birthday.

LETTER FROM JOSEPH C. MASON, ESQ., OF CARTHAGE, MO.

CARTHAGE, Mo., June 26, 1876.

CHAS. K. MASON, Esq., Marlborough, N.H. :

My dear Sir,—Your kind favor, inviting me to take part in your centennial exercises on the coming 4th, was duly received ; and the response has been thus delayed, in hopes that I should be able to say I could be present on that interesting occasion. But such an enjoyment will be impossible, and I can merely in this feeble manner express my feelings in relation to an event that crowns the first century of the lifetime of my native town.

The welfare of her sons and daughters who now live as representatives of what she is, and the memory of those who have passed out into the great "beyond," having made her what she was, are still potent to stir in my bosom emotions of respect and love. It is ours to stand as sentinels on the watch-tower in this centennial year, to survey that which lies behind us, and in the light of its marvellous realities forecast the experiences of succeeding generations of men and women. They who

have fallen would have stood strong at this eventful epoch: they looked with steadfast hope, with large expectations, to the consummation of one hundred years, filled with labor and progress in the history of our town, and nation as well.

Gentlemen of the Committee, I feel sure that the 4th of July next will prove the *proudest, grandest* day that Marlborough ever saw. Then and there; her gifted sons and beautiful daughters will lift up their voices in speech and in song and in that "distinguished presence" none, not even the humblest of her children, will be forgotten. Those who slumber on the village hillside, and those who, a little earlier, took their places in the church-yard by the "old meeting-house" on the hill, as well as they whose dust mingles with the soil of other climes,—the living and the dead, your kindred and mine,—all will take part in the exercises of that imposing yet solemn occasion. They who went down in the shock of battle, or in any way gave life or service for country, will speak again, and a grateful concourse will give them audience.

Among those whose attachment remains strong, and who would hail a prosperous future for their native town, please include the writer of this communication. From my present home, within a few miles of the "Indian nation," on the very border of civilization, I shall, in mind and heart, co-operate with those celebrating in the "*old home*." The same old bells that made music and gladness for my boyhood will usher in the morning of the coming Centennial Day. Though "night's sable curtain" will at that hour still hang above the soil of South-western Missouri, yet the earliest note that summons my kindred and the neighbors of my youth to honor the century past, and inaugurate the one to come, shall find in my heart an instantaneous response; and I will fondly picture the thousand friendly greetings, as reunited friends once more look into one another's eyes and recall past experiences, and as the noon-day sun looks down upon a bountiful repast spread for the assembled thousands.

May God bless my native town. May her children duly appreciate circumstances of time and place, which have fixed their abode in a locality so well fitted to confer happiness and engender filial regard. May their virtues and integrity be as firm as the hills that "abide while ages flee"!

Yours truly,

J. C. MASON.

Twenty-sixth sentiment:—

The Homes of our Youth.

LETTER FROM SUMNER A. MASON, M.D., OF NEW YORK.

138 E. 61ST STREET, NEW YORK, July 2, 1876.

Gentlemen,—I fully intended to have been with you on this occasion; and it is with regret that I find myself, at the last moment, unable to

accept your kind invitation to be present at your centennial celebration, and respond to the sentiment; "The Homes of our Youth."

It would give me more pleasure than I can express to meet with you, and assist, not only in celebrating this time-honored day, but in paying a fitting tribute to the one hundredth anniversary of our town.

There is something beautiful in the sentiment, "The Homes of our Youth,"—something that unlocks the floodgates of memory, bringing with it a thousand fond associations of our childhood, rendered more sacred by time and absence.

As I draw aside the curtain that separates the present from the past, I stand once more (in imagination) on my native hills, I gaze again upon the old familiar landscape, I behold once again those youthful faces which have grown with the lapse of years. I see those who with strong hands and wise heads led on our youthful footsteps, and guided us in wisdom's ways, grown gray with years, silently treading the declining path of life.

There are others we were wont to meet in the halcyon days of youth, whose forms we see no more. They sleep the sleep that knows no waking. Some fell in life's green spring, when all was beauteous and fair; some, weary and worn with life's burdens, have gladly laid down the cross, that they might gain the better life; some died upon the far-off battle-field, to save the Union and the "Old Flag," beneath whose protecting folds we meet in peace and joy to-day.

They fell in the valley, they fell on the hill-top, they fell in the swamps and morasses of the sunny South. The sun in its diurnal revolution looks in upon their lonely resting-places; and the leaves of the trees, as they are tossed by the gentle southern zephyrs, sing their only requiem. They shed their blood that this union might be cemented and preserved; that these homes, around which so many happy memories cluster, might be perpetuated.

You will assemble on that day amid the granite hills to celebrate the centennial of our native town. One hundred years ago the bright sun arose behind yon old Monadnock, and looked down upon a little handful of adventurers, whose only home was the log cabin which they had reared, whose children were rocked to sleep by the lullaby sung by the winds amid the forest trees.

To-day the sun rises as of yore, but it smiles upon cultivated fields and institutions of religion and learning, upon structures beautified by industry and art, upon children and youth developing in their lives the precious precepts and truths instilled in their early home training.

Thank God for the homes of our youth. Their gentle memories and influences linger with us ever, and form, amid the turmoils of after life, the green spots, the sunny pictures to which we turn for refreshing, the shields from devious temptations which assail us.

As we note the mighty progress our town has made in the last century,

as we meet and grasp the warm hands of her cordial sons and daughters, we say, We may find warmer lands, we may travel in fairer climes, we may make more beauteous homes, but there is no other land like thee, there are no homes dearer than these.

S. A. MASON.

Twenty-seventh sentiment:—

Our Patriot Brothers,—For humanity they braved the hazards of war, War gave some to death, the rest she gave back to life. Justice gives all alike the hero's wreath, and gratitude will keep it fresh forever.

LETTER FROM ANDREW C. STONE, ESQ., OF LAWRENCE, MASS.

LAWRENCE, MASS., June 15, 1876.

Messrs. CHAS. K. MASON, CHAS. A. BEMIS, and CYRUS E. HARDY,
Committee, etc.:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of your kind invitation to be present on the coming 4th of July at the celebration of my native town, of her one hundredth birthday, and to say something that will remind her citizens of the valor and patriotism of her sons who participated in the late war of the Rebellion.

I regret exceedingly that previous engagements render my acceptance of your invitation impossible. In summing up the record of the good old town of Marlborough for the first one hundred years of her corporate existence, I believe it will be found in all things honorable. And her record of brave sons, which she furnished for our common country's defence when assailed by internal, treacherous foes, is one of which she may justly feel proud. There were no soldiers in the line more brave than those who came from the "Granite State." *Patriotic and intelligent*. they fought with a *will*, and for a purpose which they understood; and by their noble devotion we are enabled to celebrate a national centennial throughout the domain of an unbroken country. I hope and predict for you a glorious celebration. Allow me to offer the following sentiment:—

The Town of Marlborough,—May the modest but noble and patriotic history of her first century run on, into, and through the next, with no stain of dishonor or treachery to blot its brilliant page.

With expressions of personal regard to your Committee, I am yours very truly,

ANDREW C. STONE.

LETTER FROM REV. S. LAWS OF AKRON, OHIO.

AKRON, OHIO, June 30, 1876.

Gentlemen of the Committee,—Your courteous invitation to attend the centennial celebration of the incorporation of Marlborough on the day of the great National Centennial Jubilee, was duly and thankfully received.

It would give me much pleasure to join with the many friends in the festivities and mutual congratulations of that occasion; but the distance, in connection with other circumstances, will necessarily prevent.

Allow me to say that my heart sympathies are with all who gather on that eventful day, to do honor to their native or adopted town, and to rehearse and work into historic form the hard toils, the brave deeds, the sturdy virtues, and the sagacious enterprise of those whose combined labors have conspired to make the town what it is,—one of great activity, free thought, general intelligence, Christian principle, and temperate habits. And if a very few individuals that could be named would follow my example, so far as to leave the town *for the town's good*, it would be one of the most desirable residences to be found among the rugged hills of my native State. The persistent energy of the present leading spirits might then soon mould it into a comparatively earthly paradise.

My two daughters, eighteen years of whose younger days were spent among you, until they left for collegiate advantages, join with me in wishing you a most joyous festival, and your town permanent prosperity.

Very truly yours,

SOLOMON LAWS.

P.S.—The following is at your service:—

Marlborough,—May religious progress, sound learning, and pure morals conspire to assuage the sorrows, sweeten the joys, and strengthen the hearts of all her inhabitants.

LETTER FROM A. E. NEWTON OF ANCORA, N.J.

ANCORA, CAMDEN CO., N.J., June 27, 1876.

MESSRS. CHAS. K. MASON, CHAS. A. BEMIS, and CYRUS E. HARDY,
Committee, etc.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind invitation to attend the centennial celebration of Marlborough, my native town, on the 4th of July proximo.

It would give me great pleasure to accept this invitation, did circumstances permit; but I can only thank you for it, and express my interest in the occasion.

Though my father with his family removed from Marlborough when I was only two years old (*i.e.*, fifty-three years ago), yet there has ever remained imprinted on my memory, as the earliest picture there inscribed, a scene which had for me a peculiar charm. It presents a group of children, of whom I was the youngest, playing on the borders of a hay-field one summer afternoon, while my father and elder brothers were loading a cart with hay, a short distance off; the "cot where I was born" standing near by, and the majestic form of old Monadnock looming up in the background.

It is doubtless owing to my birthplace having been in the midst of such surroundings that I have ever been a great lover of mountains. No landscape seems to me complete or satisfying in which they do not appear. I "pine for the hills," and have long cherished a desire — never yet gratified — to climb to the summit of that grand old pile which stands sentinel over your town and my birthplace. But circumstances compel me to "wait a little longer."

It is said that all fashionable Americans "wish to go to Paris when they die." My preference would be, decidedly, to go to old Monadnock.

Wishing you and your town's people (who, so far as I know, are all strangers to myself) much pleasure and profit from this centennial occasion and all desirable prosperity for the century to come,

I am very respectfully yours, A. E. NEWTON.

The following poem was composed by Mrs. H. C. Piper, of Dublin, a native of Marlborough: —

OUR FATHERS.

Our fathers, though they've passed away,
 And mouldered in the dust,
 Yet sweet the memories they leave,
 The records of the just.
 The warfare well did they endure,
 The tried and true were they:
 A sterner life to them was known
 Than in our later day.

Oh! let us bless the patient love,
 That strong, unflinching will,
 That moved them on to do and bear,
 Their place so well to fill.
 Unlettered oft in books and art,
 They sought to smooth the way,
 That those who follow in their path
 May walk in learning's ray.

Their childlike faith and Christian hope
 Are lamps about our feet:
 These were the sources of their strength,
 Here found they joys most sweet.
 Their virtues we will strive to gain,
 And Christian graces bright;
 We humbly hope at last to reach,
 With them, the land of light.

It was unanimously voted to call henceforth the name of the place where the celebration was held CENTENNIAL HILL.

Col. Cyrus Frost, one of the oldest persons present, who remained on the ground until near the close of the exercises, moved that, "when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet here one hundred years from to-day, for the celebration of our second centennial."

It was decided by vote, after considerable discussion, all of which was most friendly and pleasant, that the name of the river on which our pleasant village is located should henceforth be Minnewawa, signifying pleasant sound.

The following farewell hymn, composed for the occasion by Rev. Noble Fisk, was omitted, as the choir, together with the player and organ, had left the ground at the approach of the gale which sprung up while Mr. Converse was speaking, as before mentioned:—

HYMN.

Father, we humbly pray
 Thy hand of love
 May guide our pilgrim way
 To worlds above,—
 Unto the perfect day,
 In Heaven's own light to be
 Nearer, our God, to thee,
 Nearer to thee.

God bless our native town,
 To us so dear!
 With purpose grand and high,
 With love and fear,
 May we draw nigh to thee,
 Thus, pure and good, to be
 Nearer, our God, to thee,
 Nearer to thee.

Centuries flying past
 On lightning wing,
 Ages that ceaseless roll,
 Oh! may we bring

A nobler type of soul,
By greater love to be
Nearer, our God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.

If led by God's own hand
To realms of day,
We need not stop to grieve:
Farewell we say,
In bliss supreme to be,
Throughout eternity,
Nearer, our God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.

It was after five o'clock when the exercises were brought to a close. Thus passed a day long to be remembered in the history of Marlborough. It was an occasion which was eminently calculated to unite heart to heart, and to cement in still stronger union the ties of brotherhood,—a day in which the lights and shadows of the past, mingling with the bright joys of the present, spread a lustre over the century of the town's history, and inspired the fondest hopes that her future will never be shadowed by misfortune or darkened by crime, but be enlivened by progress, brightened by prosperity, and rendered more resplendent by intelligence and virtue.

GENEALOGICAL REGISTER.

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FAMILIES OF MARLBOROUGH:

THE preparation of the following genealogies has been the work of years; and, although it is not to be presumed they are free from errors, yet care has been taken to make them as accurate as possible. To secure these registers, hundreds of letters have been written, and the records of many of our New England towns, as well as county records, have been carefully examined. Much information has been gleaned from Bond's Genealogies of Families of Watertown, Waltham, and Weston; Hudson's History of Marlborough, Mass., and the Histories of Newton, Framingham, and Winchendon, Mass., also the Histories of Dublin, Rindge, Troy, Mason, and Temple, N.H. I have also availed myself of the various genealogies that have been published that relate to the Marlborough-families. I am also indebted to Rev. S. Hayward, the Historian of Gilsum, and H. C. Tenney of Orange, Mass., for much valuable information.

Owing to the great carelessness in keeping family records, much trouble and inconvenience have been experienced. I have solicited information from private sources wherever it was attainable, and in many instances from those who were indifferent, and, if such persons find the record of their families incomplete, let them remember their negligence and charitably overlook the omissions.

In the arrangement of the genealogy, the plan used in the History of Rindge, by Ezra S. Stearns, has been followed.

EXPLANATIONS.—In the registers, the name of the parent is given in full and printed in small capitals. His children's names are printed in italics, and are numbered in Roman numerals, I, II., III., etc. Whenever the names of the grand-children of the person whose name introduces the paragraph, are given, they are indented, printed in lower case, and are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. The numbers in the margin are consecutive; persons bearing the same family-name are numbered in the order in which they are introduced. The character + after a person's name denotes that the name is thereafter repeated, and can be found by following down the margin until the same number appears enclosed in parentheses.

ABBREVIATIONS.—b. stands for born; bap. for baptized; d. for died; m. for married; um. for unmarried; dau. for daughter; c. for childless; æ. for aged; *q.v.* for which see register of his or her family; Marl. for Marlborough.

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ADAMS.

JOSEPH ADAMS, of West Cambridge, m., Jan. 18, 1710, Rebecca Cutter, who d. Jan. 12, 1717, æ. 24, and he m. again. They had nine children. Joseph, the third, b. July 3, 1715; m., Jan. 10, 1739-40, Martha, dau. of Ephraim Frost. She d. Dec. 23, 1749, and he m. (2d) Hannah Hall, Sept. 11, 1750. He was for many years dea. of the church in what is now Arlington, Mass. He d. May 3, 1794. His wife Hannah survived him, and d. Aug. 13, 1803. He had sixteen children, fifteen of whom lived to an adult age, and followed him to the grave. Thomas, the fifth child, b. July 19, 1751, was in the field with his father and elder brother when the British went to Lexington from Boston. Two of the British officers went into the house. One ordered his mother, who was sick on the bed, to get up and go out to the loom-house, while the other poured a basket of chips on the floor, and, taking a brand from the fireplace, put it with the chips in order to set the house on fire. While he was doing this, Joel, another brother of Thomas, a bold, daring boy who was under the bed with two or three of the children, put out his head and told the officer not to do so; for, if he did, his father "would whip him when he came home." These officers were shot on the threshold of the door. Thomas Adams m., May 28, 1780, Martha Stone, b. Aug. 22, 1750, d. Jan. 15, 1847. He settled first at Cambridge; afterwards in New Salem, where he d. June 27, 1848.

1 THOMAS ADAMS, son of Thomas and Martha (Stone) Adams, the eldest of seven children, was b. at West Cambridge, July 6, 1781. He m., Nov. 28, 1805, Nancy Wyman, who was b. in Woburn, Mass., May 27, 1784. For the first ten years of their married life they resided at New Salem, where their children were b. In April, 1815, he removed to Marlborough, and located on the farm now owned by Mrs. Nancy Farnum, where he resided until 1836, when he moved to Woburn, Mass., where he d. July 19, 1851. His widow d. Dec. 11, 1869.

2 I. *Willard*, b. Dec. 6, 1808.+

3 II. *Jerusha A.*, b. Apr. 22, 1809; m. Rev. Clark Sibley, a Baptist minister. She now resides in Boston.

4 III. *Amira*, b. Feb. 23, 1815; d. March 7, 1815.

(2) WILLARD ADAMS, M.D., son of Thomas, m., May, 1834, Anstris Joslin of Jaffrey, b. May 5, 1808. He studied

medicine with Dr. James Batchellor two years, after which he spent one year at the Medical College in Hanover, and graduated at Bowdoin College, Me., 1835. He commenced practice in Wells, Me., where he remained two years, when he removed to Woburn, Mass. He practised medicine there six years, and then moved to Swanzev where he resided until 1872, when he came to Marlborough. He represented the town of Swanzev in the State Legislature one year, held the office of County Commissioner three years, and was Justice of the Peace fifteen years; also Post-master from the time Lincoln was elected President until 1872.

- 5 I. *Joseph W.*, b. in Wells, Me., Aug. 31, 1835.
- 6 II. *Thomas*, b. in Wells, Me., June 22, 1837.
- 7 III. *Emily J.*, b. in Woburn, Mass., Apr. 2, 1839; d. March 31, 1840.
- 8 IV. *Randall*, b. in Woburn, Mass., Sept. 23, 1841; d. Feb. 17, 1842.
- 9 V. *Anira K.*, b. in Swanzev, Jan. 19, 1847; d. Apr. 9, 1847.
- 10 VI. *Emily L.*, b. in Swanzev, July 28, 1848; m. Levi A. Fuller, *q.v.*
- 11 VII. *Everett*, b. in Swanzev, June 19, 1850; m. Emma S. Ellis of Swanzev.

JOHN ADAMS of Sudbury m. Hannah Bent; settled in Framingham. He had John, b. March 12, 1684; m. Elizabeth Goddard of Roxbury, Mass., June 27, 1706; settled in Framingham, and had, among others, Joseph, b. Aug. 12, 1723; m. Prudence Pratt; settled in Dublin about 1776.

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- 12 JONATHAN ADAMS, son of Joseph of Dublin, b. in Framingham; m., Feb. 25, 1779, Hannah, dau. of Josiah and Elizabeth (Bigelow) Parkhurst; removed to Dublin in 1782, and afterwards to this town. He resided here for several years, and then returned to Dublin.
 - 13 I. *Joseph*, b. Feb. 22, 1780.
 - 14 II. *Hannah*, b. March 13, 1782.
 - 15 III. *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 27, 1785.
 - 16 IV. *Abigail*, b. June 14, 1788.
 - 17 V. *Sally*, b. Oct. 22, 1790.
 - 18 VI. *Lucy*, b. March 23, 1792.
 - 19 VII. *Eunice*, b. Dec. 31, 1795; m. Clark Mason, *q.v.*
 - 20 VIII. *John*, m., Jan. 8, 1822, Martha, dau. of Ebenezer and Ruth (Gates) Hemenway; removed to Fort Ann, N.Y.

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- 21 WILLIAM ADAMS, from Marlborough, Mass., was in town as early as 1765, as the following account on the proprietors' records will show: "Relowed to William

Adams for work don in ye Roads from Sept., ye 1765, to May, ye 23, 1776, 21 days, £3—3." He is mentioned by Benjamin Tucker, in his account of settlements in town, 1770, as "a single man." He was one of the eight original members of the church formed 1778. Soon after this date, his name disappears from the records.

- 22 Capt. EDWARD F. ADAMS, son of Isaac and Adela (Perkins) Adams of Jaffrey, b. May 25, 1825, came to Marlborough in 1854. He enlisted into Co. E, 6th Reg. N.H. Vols., which was mustered into the United States service Nov. 28, 1861, at Keene. He was chosen Corporal at the organization of the company, was promoted to Sergeant Dec. 1, 1862, to Orderly Sergeant Jan. 1, 1863, to First Lieutenant Dec. 10, 1863, and to Captain May 2, 1864, mustered out Jan. 6, 1865. He moved with his family to Leominster, Mass., April, 1865. He now resides at Brattleboro, Vt., having moved there May, 1873. He m., Feb. 28, 1853, Sarah H., dau. of George and Louisa (Jones) Harvey; she d. Aug. 17, 1859.
- 23 I. *John Quincy*, b. in Marl., June 18, 1858.
He m. (2d), Dec. 25, 1860, Rebecca J., dau. of Jonathan and Melinda Hill of Swanzey.
- 24 II. *Eugene Elmer*, b. Oct. 27, 1865; d. March 21, 1867.
- 25 III. *Winfield Scott*, b. in Swanzey, May 1, 1868.
- 26 IV. *Eva Jennie*, b. in Bellows Falls, June 5, 1870; d. July 28, 1878.
- 27 V. *Orville Edward*, b. in Bellows Falls, March 17, 1872; d. Aug. 12, 1872.
- 28 VI. *Gerty May*, b. in Brattleboro, June 30, 1873.
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- 29 LYSANDER A. ADAMS, a brother of Capt. Edward F., came to this town from Jaffrey in Sept., 1859. He enlisted in Nov., 1861, into Co. E, 6th Reg. N.H. Vols.; served three years. He m., May 6, 1861, Rebecca C., dau. of George V. R. and Nancy V. (Webb) Farnum. She d. in Marl., Dec. 15, 1875. He d. in Jaffrey, March 30, 1880.
- 30 I. *Maud B.*, b. in Marl., May 14, 1873.
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- 31 ALPHONSO A. ADAMS, son of Jesse and Ruth (Perkins) Adams of Jaffrey, b. Nov. 13, 1834, came to Marl. in the spring of 1854. He m., Jan. 20, 1857, Mary E., dau. of John A. and Nancy (Wheelock) Cutter of Jaffrey, b. July 27, 1836, d. March 6, 1879. He was a member of Co. C, 14th Reg. N.H. Vols.

- 32 I. *Fred E.*, b. Jan. 1, 1858.
33 II. *Lillie J.*, b. Sept. 24, 1859.
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- 34 OREN S. ADAMS, son of Nehemiah and Lydia C. (Benjamin) Adams of Jaffrey, was b. Apr. 1, 1841; enlisted for three months in 1st Vt. Reg. Vols.; re-enlisted Sept. 13, 1861, in Co. A, 2d Reg. N.H. Vols. He was wounded in the shoulder while engaged in a skirmish near Big Bethel, in 1861; was discharged May 30, 1863. He again enlisted Jan. 30, 1865, in Co. C, 2d Reg. N.H. Vols., where he remained until the regiment was mustered out of service. He m., Feb. 2, 1865, Anna M., dau. of Bailey and Betsey (Clark) Starkey of Troy, b. May 21, 1849. He came to Marl. to reside in 1867.
- 35 I. *Minnie G.*, b. March 22, 1868.
36 II. *Wilbur C.*, b. July 25, 1872.
37 III. *Walter B.*, b. Nov. 29, 1876; d. Dec. 5, 1878.
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- 38 MARSHALL D. ADAMS, son of Jarvis and Eunice^r H. (Mitchell) Adams, b. in Croydon, Sept. 12, 1833; m., Nov. 22, 1868, Lucy A. (White) Stockwell, widow of Walter E. Stockwell; settled first in Keene; came to Marl. to reside in Aug., 1873. c.
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- 1 MOSES ALDEN came from Needham, Mass., to Marl. in 1795. He was b. in 1760. His wife's name was Elizabeth Whitney. He resided in the north part of the town, on land now owned by Josiah Parker. The house stood south of Mr. Parker's buildings, and only a short distance from the pond. After residing here some five years, he removed to Surry. He has descendants living in Alstead and Newport, N.H. This family claim that they are descendants of John Alden, who came over in the "Mayflower."
- 2 I. *Reuben*, m. Isabell Phillips of Roxbury.
3 II. *Alvan*, m. Elizabeth Allen of Surry; d. in Newport, July, 1876, æ. 85.
4 III. *Moses*, m. Amanda Boyden; removed to N.Y.
5 IV. *Mary*, m. Rev. Warren Wilbur.
6 V. *Sarah*.
7 VI. *Dexter*, m. Mary Balcom; removed to Nashville.
8 VII. *William*, removed to Lewiston, N.Y.; d. 1873, um.
9 VIII. *Maria*, m. — Blanchard of Charlestown, Mass.
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- 1 ELIJAH ALEXANDER was b. in Uxbridge, Mass., in 1741. About the year 1765, he married Elizabeth Taft of Mendon, and settled in Uxbridge, where he worked at shoemaking until 1793, when he came to Marl. and pur-

chased the farm since owned by his son Easman, now within the limits of Troy. He was a highly esteemed citizen, and lived to see the most of his children and some of his grand-children settled in life. He d. in 1822. His widow d. in 1838.

- 2 I. *Gideon*, b. Aug. 13, 1767; settled in Canada.
 - 3 II. *Amasa*, b. Nov. 30, 1769; d. in N.Y.
 - 4 III. *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 13, 1771; d. æ. 30.
 - 5 IV. *Luther*, b. Sept. 19, 1773. Graduated at Harvard University, and studied theology with Dr. Crone of Northbridge; but, as he was about to enter the ministry, he went to Canada to visit his brother, and while there he took the small-pox and died.
 - 6 V. *Calvin*, b. June 20, 1775. Studied medicine with Dr. Willard of Uxbridge, and settled in Montreal, where he achieved an honorable fame.
 - 7 VI. *Elijah*, b. March 25, 1777; d. in Vermont.
 - 8 VII. *Jemima*, b. March 15, 1779; m. James Cheever; d. in Troy.
 - 9 VIII. *Timothy*, b. Nov. 27, 1780; d. in N.Y.
 - 10 IX. *Phinehas*, b. Aug. 29, 1782; m., Feb. 13, 1812, Ada Bullock; removed to Ohio.
 - 11 X. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 20, 1784; m. Lucretia Howe; settled in Troy.
 - 12 XI. *Easman*, b. Apr. 28, 1786.†
 - 13 XII. *Eunice*, b. Jan. 29, 1788; m. James Davis of Jaffrey.
 - 14 XIII. *Lois*, b. Dec. 16, 1790; m. James Hicks; settled in Wisconsin.
 - 15 XIV. *Submit*, b. Aug. 1, 1791; m. Isaac Garfield; removed to Sedonna, N.Y.
 - 16 XV. *Ezra*, b. Apr. 16, 1794; m. Lucretia Fuller; settled in Fitzwilliam.
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- (12) EASMAN ALEXANDER, son of Elijah, m. Lucy, dau. of John Garfield; settled on home farm with his father, where he d. but a few years since.
- 17 I. *Mary*, b. May 13, 1805; m. Russell Waters of Fitchburg.
 - 18 II. *Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 20, 1808; d. March 8, 1830.
 - 19 III. *Elinor*, b. July 25, 1810; d. Feb. 21, 1838.
 - 20 IV. *Annis*, b. June 12, 1812; d. March 12, 1834.
 - 21 V. *Hannah*, b. July 10, 1814; d. Dec. 22, 1833.
 - 22 VI. *Lucy*, b. Apr. 12, 1817; m., Apr. 15, 1842, Levi Whittemore, Jr., of Troy; d. Aug. 10, 1843.
 - 23 VII. *Easman*, b. Sept. 5, 1819; m., Dorothy Ann Lawrence of Troy; removed to Gardner, Mass.

- 24 VIII. *John C.*, b. March 17, 1822; m., Dec., 1852, Laura Bayard of Fitzwilliam; d. in Troy.
- 25 IX. *Abigail*, b. Feb. 26, 1824; m., Dec. 31, 1846, Luther Whittemore of Troy.
- 26 X. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 4, 1825; m., Oct. 10, 1848, Levi Merrifield.

- 1 ABIEL ALGER, b. in Bridgewater, Mass., June 22, 1772; m., 1789, Rhoda Drake, b. in Easton, Mass., Feb. 26, 1770. He settled first in Bridgewater. About 1794, he moved to Winchendon, where he resided until 1814, when he came to this town and located on the farm which still bears his name. Mr. Alger was a noted fox-hunter; and, his farm being in proximity to the mountain, he found plenty of them. Oftentimes in the winter season he would procure a quantity of meat, and placing it in an open field he would wrap himself in buffalo robes, select a position near, and watch the coming of reynard. He was a good marksman, and would frequently obtain several of these creatures in one night. The first pair of oxen he purchased, after coming to Marl., he paid for in fox-skins to the value of fifty dollars. In his old age, he returned to Winchendon, where he d. Jan. 24, 1848. His widow d. Jan. 20, 1860.
- 2 I. *Olive*, b. in Bridgewater, Oct. 9, 1789; m., Apr. 19, 1812, Jonathan Wyman; resided in Winchendon, where she d. Aug. 25, 1871.
- 3 II. *Larina*, b. in Bridgewater, Apr. 1, 1791; m., Dec., 1825, A. Flagg. He d., and she m. (2d), Jan., 1845, S. Tenney; resided in Winchendon, where she d. Oct. 23, 1866.
- 4 III. *Abiel*, b. in Bridgewater, March 19, 1793; d. in Vt., Dec., 1814.
- 5 IV. *Chloe*, b. in Winchendon, Nov. 11, 1794; m., March 9, 1826, Luke Rice; resided in Winchendon; d. Dec. 4, 1873.
- 6 V. *Sylvia*, b. in Winchendon, July 3, 1796; d. in Winchendon, Nov. 26, 1873, unm.
- 7 VI. *Asuah*, b. in Winchendon, May 18, 1798; m., Feb., 1828, Sally Norcross; she d., and he m. (2d), Aug., 1860, Mary Moore; resides in Orange, Mass.
- 8 VII. *Adah*, b. in Winchendon, July 29, 1800; m., Oct., 1821, Ezra Porter; resides in Winchendon.
- 9 VIII. *Nathan*, b. in Winchendon, Jan. 27, 1802; m., Nov., 1831, Louisa Hale; resides in Winchendon.
- 10 IX. *Melona*, b. in Winchendon, Oct. 29, 1804; m., May, 1829, Silas S. Norcross; resides in Winchendon.

- 11 x. *Christopher Columbus*, b. in Winchendon, June 17, 1807; m., March 29, 1836, Sabrina Balcom; resides in Winchendon.
- 12 1. Christopher C., b. July 14, 1837; m., Sept. 22, 1874, Ella L. May; resides in Winchendon.
- 13 2. Amelia V., b. May 17, 1839; m., Feb. 15, 1870, Calvin Miller; resides in Athol.
- 14 3. Belle J., b. June 27, 1852.
- 15 xi. *Rhoda*, b. in Winchendon, Jan. 17, 1811; m., July, 1834, Joel Sibley; he d., and she m. (2d), July, 1864, William Sibley; resides in Winchendon.
- 16 xii. *Horace B.*, b. in Marl., Nov. 17, 1817; m., 1842, Betsey Smith. He was a member of the 10th Ohio Cavalry; d. while in the service, Apr. 6, 1864.

1 CHARLES A. ALLEN, b. in Wardsboro, Vt., Sept. 13, 1836; m., Sept., 1870, Susie A. Davis, b. in Rockingham, Vt., June 27, 1838. Mr. Allen was a member of Co. I, 4th Reg. Vt. Vols. Served three years and one month.

2 i. *George H.*, b. Aug. 17, 1873; d. Aug. 3, 1875.

1 SAMUEL ALLISON, son of Andrew and Sarah (Morse) Allison, b. in Dublin, March 29, 1795; m., Jan. 28, 1851, Mrs. Maria (Mason) Piper, widow of Artemas Piper, b. in Dublin, March 6, 1804, d. in Marl., Jan. 26, 1880. Mr. Allison came to Marl. to reside in 1848. He removed to Charlestown in 1859, and returned to this town in 1867, where he still resides. c. His sister Sarah resided with him for many years. She was b. in Dublin, March 13, 1787; d. in Marl., May 4, 1878, um.

1 JOHN AMIDON, b. in Fitzwilliam, Nov. 4, 1813; m. Betsey Putney of Chesterfield, b. July 3, 1814; resided in Fitzwilliam, Richmond, and Troy. He came to this town in 1851, and resided here some seven years, working at his trade of blacksmithing. Mr. Amidon was a member of Co. F, 6th Reg. N.H. Vols. He d. at Hatteras Inlet, Jan. 15, 1862. His widow resides in Troy.

2 i. *Sarah E.*, b. in Troy, July 1, 1841; m. J. Foster Capron; resides in Troy.

3 ii. *James O.*, b. Sept. 10, 1842; m. Susie Bryant; resides in Keene.

4 iii. *Henry J.*, b. in Fitzwilliam, March 18, 1845. He enlisted in the same company with his father,

served three years, and was in twenty-three battles. He was one of the number who survived the wreck of the ill-fated steamer "West Point," which was sunk in the Potomac River. At the end of his term of enlistment, he received an honorable discharge, returned home, where he soon d. of disease contracted in the army.

- 5 iv. *Frank E.*, b. in Richmond, July 30, 1847; m. Sarah A. Wright; resides in Keene.
 6 v. *Charles H.*, b. in Troy, Nov. 3, 1849; is a sailor.
 7 vi. *Ella M.*, b. in Marl., Oct. 2, 1855; m. Julius Bemis of Athol, Mass., where she now resides.
 8 vii. *George F.*, b. in Marl., May 11, 1857.

1 HENRY A. ATHERTON was b. in Ashburnham, Mass., Oct. 29, 1842. He enlisted in Co. E, 6th Reg. N.H. Vols.; was mustered into service Nov. 28, 1861; was wounded at the second battle of Fredericksburg. He was discharged on account of ill-health, May, 1865. He m., Feb. 27, 1864, Mary L., dau. of Moses and Mary (Pratt) Putney; she d. July 24, 1865; m. (2d) Lizzie M. Putney, a sister of his first wife, who d. May 29, 1870. He d. Apr. 2, 1869.

- 2 i. *Willie*, b. July 16, 1867.

1 RICHARD ATWELL is first mentioned on the town records as one who refused to sign the "Association Test," July, 1776. He is supposed to have resided on the Sweetser place lately owned by Moses Hunt. He was conspicuous in the affairs of the town until near the close of the Revolution. The names of only two children appear on the records.

- 2 i. *Mary*, b. July 20, 1775.

- 3 ii. *Hannah*, b. May 28, 1777.

1 EBENEZER BACON came to Marl. at an early date, and located in what is now Troy village. He was a clothier by trade, and built a mill for fulling and coloring cloth. He continued this business some nine or ten years, when he sold to John Potter, and left the place. He m. Betsey, dau. of Ephraim Root.

- 2 i. *Ira*, b. Nov. 12, 1792.

- 3 ii. *Septimous*, b. Aug. 22, 1795.

- 4 iii. *Fanny*, b. Apr. 15, 1797.

1 ALMON BAILEY, b. in Jaffrey, Jan. 21, 1801; m. Maria, dau. of Shubael and Polly (Rogers) Stone; resided first

in Jaffrey, then for a short time in Utica, N.Y. He came to Marl. about 1836, and located in a small house near the present residence of Clark Hill. Here he had the misfortune to lose his house by fire, and he soon after erected the house now owned by Hiram Collins, where he d., Aug. 12, 1837. Mr. Bailey was a man possessed of considerable mechanical ingenuity, and could manufacture almost any article to which he turned his attention; but his chief business was building church organs, and he is said to have been a very skilful workman at that trade. His widow m. Hiram Collins, *q.v.*

- 2 1. *Almon Fernando*, b. Dec. 21, 1835; m., Apr. 9, 1856, Susan M. Smith of Worcester, b. May, 1835. He was a soldier in the Union army, and d. at Spottsylvania, Va., May 12, 1864, twelve hours after he was wounded in battle.

BAKER.

JOHN BAKER and Elizabeth, his wife, were in Concord, Mass., in 1729. Of his ancestry, we have no knowledge; but he was probably b. in England, emigrated to this country when a young man, and settled in Concord, where four of his children were b. He is supposed to have returned to England, where he remained some three years, when he again emigrated to this country, and settled in Waltham, where he resided five or six years, and then, with a part of his family, moved to Killingly, Conn. Richard, son of John and Elizabeth, was b. in Concord, Apr. 8, 1729. When twenty-nine years of age, he purchased a tract of wild land in Westminster, Mass., intending to take up his abode there, but was pressed into the British service in the French and Indian War for one year. At the expiration of his term of service, the English officers refused to give him and his company their discharge, and retained them against their consent. They prepared themselves with snow-shoes; and the whole company, consisting of about sixty men, left the camp at Albany about midnight, intending to cross the Green Mountains to Massachusetts. They got lost, wandered several days among the mountains, but finally found Deerfield River, which they followed to Coleraine, where they found inhabitants, after having been out nine days without provisions, except a small dog which they killed the fifth day, and having the snow, which was some four feet deep, for their bed. Mr. Baker reached home in safety, and soon m. Mary Sawyer of Lancaster, settled in Westminster, raised up a numerous family of children, and d. Dec. 13, 1808. Mary (Sawyer) Baker's grandfather, Thomas Sawyer, was one of the first settlers of Lancaster, Mass. He built a house, surrounding it by a fort, and a saw-mill, to which the inhabitants of his village resorted in case of Indian hostilities, which were very common from 1670 to 1710. At one time, supposed to be between 1675 and 1680, his garrison was attacked by the Indians; and all were killed except Mr. Sawyer and two women. Night came on, the women loaded the guns, and Mr. Sawyer continued to fire from the port-holes till nearly midnight, at which time the Indians withdrew from the place. Mr. Sawyer then caught his horse, and after setting fire to his house, which contained shocks of grain, the women mounted the horse, and he walked by their side until they reached a place of safety. On the 15th of October,

1705, Mr. Sawyer, with his son Elias and John Bigelow, were taken captive by the Indians at his saw-mill, a little after daylight, whither he had gone to commence the labors of the day, and the savages immediately set out with their prisoners to Canada. On their journey, they treated Mr. Sawyer with great cruelty. On arriving at Montreal, he remarked to the governor, whose residence was at that place, that there was a good site for mills on the River Chamblee, and that he would build him a saw-mill, on condition that he would procure his, his son's, and Bigelow's redemption. The governor readily closed in with the proposal, as at that time there was not a saw-mill in all Canada, nor an artificer capable of building one. He accordingly applied to the Indians, and very readily procured the ransom of young Sawyer and Bigelow, but no sum would procure Mr. Sawyer's redemption; him — being distinguished for his bravery, which had proved fatal to a number of their brethren — they were determined to immolate. The victim was accordingly led forth, and fastened to the stake environed with materials so disposed as to produce a lingering death. The savages, surrounding the unfortunate prisoner, began to anticipate the horrid pleasure of beholding their victim writhing in tortures amid the rising flames, and rending the air with their dismal yells. Suddenly a friar appeared, and with great solemnity held forth what he declared to be the key to the gate of Purgatory, and told them that, unless they released their prisoner, he would instantly unlock that gate, and send them headlong thereinto. Superstition prevailed, and wrought the deliverance of Mr. Sawyer; for they at once unbound him, and gave him up to the governor. In one year from that time, he completed the mill, when he and Bigelow were discharged. They retained his son Elias one year longer to instruct them in the art of sawing, and keeping the mill in order. He was then amply rewarded, and sent home to his friends; and both he and his father lived to an advanced age, and were gathered to their graves in peace.

- 1 JONADAB BAKER, the eldest son of Richard and Mary (Sawyer) Baker, was b. in Westminster, Mass., Aug. 31, 1759. He served two enlistments during the Revolution (see Chap. III.). After his discharge, he returned to Westminster, built a shoemaker's shop in the centre of the town, and, being an excellent workman, followed that business some three or four years. He was one of the government troops in the rebellion headed by Capt. Daniel Shays, and followed them to Phillipston, where Gen. Lincoln fired upon the insurgents. About the year 1787, he came to Marl. and purchased the farm formerly owned by Samuel Soper, in the south-east part of the town, situated on what was then the great road from Keene to Boston, and is now owned by David S. Derby. Having received an injury in early life which disabled him for hard labor, he hired most of his work done on his farm, and resumed his former occupation of shoemaking. It was a saying in those days that no man could go to the General Court until Jonadab Baker had made him a pair of boots. He m., Apr. 20, 1787, Tabitha Willson of Royalston, Mass. He d. Sept. 25, 1820,

leaving an estate valued at about twelve thousand dollars. Among his assets were twelve hundred silver dollars, deposited in stockings, and kept in the old-fashioned clock-case. Mrs. Baker d. Dec. 2, 1840, æ. 80.

- 2 I. *Persis*, b. June 19, 1790; m. Ephraim K. Frost,
M.D., *q.v.*
3 II. *Polly*, b. Feb. 3, 1792; m. Calvin Hastings, *q.v.*
4 III. *Lucy*, b. Feb. 4, 1794; m., Dec. 26, 1815, Carter
Whiteomb, who d. in 1879. She still resides in
Swanzy.
5 IV. *Tabitha*, b. June 7, 1796; m. Calvin Tenney, *q.v.*

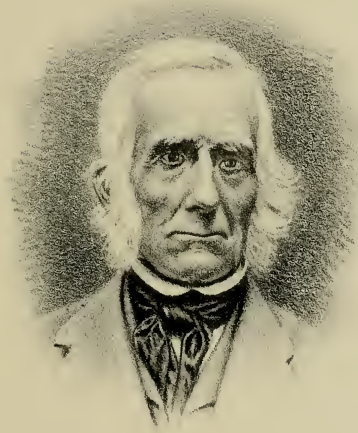
6 BEZALEEL BAKER, fourth son of Richard and Mary (Sawyer) Baker, was b. in Westminster, Mass., Jan. 4, 1768. At fifteen years of age, the care of his father's farm and brick-yard devolved on him and two younger brothers, his father being confined to the house by sickness for several years. He first came to Marl. in Dec., 1787, worked for his brother Jonadab at shoemaking and other business during the winter, and returned to Westminster in the spring; went back and forth occasionally until Nov. 16, 1789, when he purchased a tract of wild land which comprised the farm recently owned by Lyman Underwood. He m., Sept. 17, 1793, Abigail, dau. of Dea. Nathan and Rebecca (Haynes) Wood* of Westminster, b. June 9, 1770. Mr. Baker and his wife came to Marl. the next day after their marriage, attended the ordination of Rev. Halloway Fish, and occupied their new house for the first time. Mr. Baker was strictly a temperance man, when every one else thought it did them good to drink; yet his neighbors said that they never knew him drink spirits but once, and that was at a wolf-hunt, where one was killed, and the bounty paid in rum, and, while the rain fell in torrents, he drank with the others. But the influence of his temperance habits has been very salutary on his family, for no one of them has ever made excessive use of ardent spirits. He built upon his farm, during his occupation of it, two houses, four forty-foot barns, one hun-

*Deacon Nathan Wood was a descendant of William Wood, who came to this country in 1638, and settled in Concord, Mass. Married, May 2, 1750, Rebecca, daughter of Ahijah Haynes of Sudbury, Mass., b. Feb. 14, 1731. Mr. Wood removed to Westminster in 1756. He was active in opposing those measures of the British government which led to the Revolution and the struggle for independence; was a member of the first congress, which met in Cambridge, and encouraged resistance to the arbitrary acts of the English crown. But he died June 19, 1777, and his fifteen children followed his remains to the grave. His posterity have since settled in almost every State in the Union, and among them have been many clergymen.

Ahijah Haynes was a son of James and Sarah (Noyes) Haynes, and was born in Sudbury, Oct. 16, 1701. Married, Jan. 18, 1726, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Smith. James Haynes was the son of John and Dorothy Haynes, b. at Sudbury, March 17, 1661.

dred and eighty feet of wood-houses, tool-houses, sheds, and a cider-mill, one set of barns and sheds having been struck by lightning and consumed in Aug., 1829. He d. Oct. 1, 1849. His widow d. Apr. 10, 1862.

- 7 i. *Rebecca*, b. July 14, 1795; m. Etheel Parmenter, *q.v.*
 8 ii. *Abel*, b. Apr. 8, 1797; m., Apr. 18, 1821, Cordelia, dau. of Caleb and Deborah (Fairbanks) Perry; settled in Troy; she d. Aug. 4, 1839, and he m. (2d), Nov. 16, 1840, Mrs. Sarah (Crosby) Bush; she d. March 27, 1872, and he m. (3d), Apr. 29, 1875, Martha, dau. of Elijah and Prudence (Newell) Harrington. He d. in Troy, Sept. 26, 1878 (see Chap. XIII.). Children all by his first wife.
- 9 1. Orissa, b. Aug. 28, 1822; d. Sept. 6, 1823.
 10 2. Cordelia, b. Dec. 27, 1823; m., Dec. 1, 1845, John F. Humphreys; resides in Athol, Mass.
- 11 3. Abel Warren, b. Apr. 28, 1825; m., Apr. 8, 1847, Mary, dau. of Joseph and Ruth (White) Haskell; resides in Keene.
- 12 4. Caroline B., b. Jan. 5, 1827; m., June 6, 1848, F. S. Parmenter; resides in Athol, Mass.
- 13 5. Myra A., b. Feb. 24, 1832; m., Dec. 10, 1856, John U. Beers; d. in Hinsdale.
- 14 6. Mary W., b. May 21, 1836; m. Rev. J. A. Batcheller; resides in Boston.
- 15 iii. *Ezra*, b. Feb. 27, 1799; m., Feb. 21, 1826, Caroline Adams; resides in Jaffrey. He was one of the board of selectmen of that town in 1845, 1846, and 1847; also for several years one of the directors of Monadnock Bank at East Jaffrey. He is considered a man of sound judgment and a good counsellor in settling difficult matters pertaining to town affairs. A man of undoubted integrity, plain and unassuming in his manners, kind and social in his intercourse with his fellow-men, a good farmer and a most worthy citizen.
- 16 1. Milton, b. July 23, 1830; resides in Jaffrey, un.
 17 2. Mahala, b. Aug. 15, 1833; m. George A. Underwood; resides in Jaffrey.
- 18 iv. *Mary*, b. June 27, 1801; m. Luke Moors, *q.v.*
 19 v. *Asa*, b. Feb. 24, 1803.+
 20 vi. *Thirza*, b. Dec. 7, 1804; m., Nov. 26, 1828, Joel Holt; d. in Troy, June, 1862.



Ezra Baker

- 21 VII. *Caleb*, b. Feb. 27, 1807; d. Jan. 16, 1837, unm.
 22 VIII. *Mahala*, b. Apr. 3, 1810; m., Nov. 5, 1839,
 Erastus Spaulding of Jaffrey; d. in Troy, Nov.
 18, 1847; was fatally burned by the firing of a
 kettle of varnish that was upon the stove in the
 room where she was sitting.

(19) ASA BAKER, son of Bezaleel, m., Sept. 19, 1830, Han-
 nah Moors of Sharon, b. Oct. 28, 1807, d. Dec. 30, 1854;
 and he m. (2d), June 19, 1856, Adaline Plummer of Goffs-
 town. Mr. Baker first settled on the farm he had previ-
 ously purchased of Nathan Barker. In the spring of
 1839, he sold his farm to the town, and removed to
 Jaffrey, where he was for many years a prosperous
 farmer. He d. Oct. 12, 1869. His widow now resides
 in Antrim. Children all by his first wife.

- 23 I. *Erastus*, b. in Marl., Apr. 8, 1833; d. May 3, 1833.
 24 II. *Sumner A.*, b. in Marl., May 5, 1834; m., July 15,
 1865, Myra A. Coombs of Winchester.
 25 III. *Edwin C.*, b. in Jaffrey, July 4, 1843; m., Nov. 18,
 1869, Julia P. Paul of Walpole; resides in
 Fitzwilliam.
 26 IV. *Elliott W.*, b. in Jaffrey, Sept. 1, 1846; m., Feb.
 10, 1878, Julia V. McCoy; resides in Antrim.

JOSEPH BAKER, supposed to be the son of William and Eliza Baker
 of Concord, Mass., settled in old Marl., Mass., previous to 1710, at which
 time he is mentioned as one of the proprietors. He d. June 2, 1755.
 Robert, son of Joseph, b. Nov. 24, 1713; m. Lydia ——. They had
 fifteen children, among whom was Thomas, b. Dec. 31, 1756; m. Sarah,
 dau. of Jonathan and Dorothy (Morse) Temple of old Marl., and settled
 in Nelson.

- 27 THOMAS J. BAKER, son of Thomas and Sarah (Tem-
 ple) Baker, b. in Nelson, Aug. 27, 1804; m., Feb. 24,
 1835, Lovina Taft, b. in Nelson, Sept. 20, 1802, d. in
 Marl., Aug. 5, 1878.
 28 I. *C. Elmira*, b. Dec. 6, 1836; m. James F. Town-
 send, *q.v.*
 29 II. *Sarah E.*, b. Feb. 24, 1838; d. in Keene, Nov. 3,
 1855.
 30 III. *Dascomb W.*, b. Aug. 7, 1843; m. Nancy Petts;
 resides in Keene.

1 EDWARD S. BALDWIN, b. in Cambridge, Mass., Nov.
 12, 1837; m., Feb. 24, 1863, Josephine D. Black, dau. of
 Horace and Betsey Black, b. in Putney, Vt., Feb. 4,
 1843. He came to Marl. to reside in the spring of 1875.

- 2 I. *Carrie Jane*, b. in Putney, Vt., March 15, 1865.
 3 II. *Ada Maria*, b. in Marl., Sept. 11, 1876.

- 1 DANIEL BALL came from Holden, Mass., to this town in 1785, and located on the farm known as the Abner Russell place, on the old road leading from Marl. to Pottersville. He remained here until Apr., 1812, when he removed to that part of the town now included in Troy, where he d. Feb. 23, 1830, æ. 74. His wife was Lydia Smith of Worcester. She d. Oct. 13, 1840, æ. 86.
- 2 I. *Lydia*, m. John Thurston, *q.v.*
- 3 II. *Betsey*, m., March 24, 1807, Amos Stanford of Dublin.
- 4 III. *Relief*, b. Oct. 15, 1781; m. Liebieus Rhodes, *q.v.*
- 5 IV. *Olive*, m., Apr. 20, 1802, Simeon Cobb of Dublin.
- 6 V. *Esther*, m. Benjamin Bosworth of Winchendon.
- 7 VI. *Ruth*, b. March 14, 1786; m. Stephen Rhodes, *q.v.*
- 8 VII. *Lucy*, b. Feb. 24, 1789; m. Daniel Woodward of Swanzey.
- 9 VIII. *Patty*, b. March 4, 1793; m., March, 1816, Stephen Harris of Troy; she d. 1852.
- 10 IX. *Daniel*, b. March 16, 1795; m. Hannah Bolls of Richmond.
- 11 X. *Wesson*, m. Lydia Walker of Royalston, Mass.

12 JONATHAN BALL came from Southborough to Marl. in 1787. He built a tavern on the Flint place, so called, now within the limits of Troy. He continued to keep a public house until 1796, when he sold his location to Christopher Harris, and removed to New York. On his way there, Rebecca, one of his daughters, became suddenly ill, and d. before reaching the end of the journey. His wife was Anna, supposed to be the dau. of Isaac Gibbs.

- 13 I. *Jonathan*.
- 14 II. *Rebecca*.
- 15 III. *Polly*.
- 16 IV. *Nancy*.
- 17 V. *Nabby*, b. June 19, 1786.
- 18 VI. *Lucinda*, b. Apr. 25, 1789.
- 19 VII. *Silas*, b. March 26, 1792.

1 ISRAEL BANKS, son of William,—who came from Oakham, Mass., and settled in that part of Keene which was set off to make the town of Roxbury,—b. May 30, 1780; m. Patty, dau. of James and Martha (Collins) Lewis, and settled about 1802 on the farm known as the "Banks place," on the Daken road, so called. About 1807, he removed to Wheelock, Vt., and thence to Shefford, Canada, about 1812. He d. in Oxford, Canada, 1835. The three eldest children were b. in Marl.

- 2 i. *William*, b. May 30, 1802; m. Rebecca Isham; resides in Gilsum.
- 3 ii. *Israel*, b. Apr. 8, 1804; settled in Nevada, Iowa.
- 4 iii. *Eliza*, m. Neal Raney; d. in Oswego, N.Y.
- 5 iv. *Alvin*, m. and resides in Iowa.
- 6 v. *Patty*, m. Heman Clothier; d. in New Milford, Ill.
- 7 vi. *Lucinda*, m. Samuel Beach of Oxford, Canada.
- 8 vii. *Amanda*, m. Washington Burr; resides in Sycamore, Mich.
- 9 viii. *Samuel*, resides in Iowa.
- 10 ix. *Sullivan*, resides in New Milford, Ill.

11 WILLIAM BANKS, a half-brother of Israel, m. Elizabeth Dwinell, a native of Topsfield, Mass. He resided for some time on the farm with his brother, afterwards removed to Gilsum, where he d. Apr. 27, 1830. He was for several years one of the selectmen of this town. His wife d. in Gilsum, March 3, 1853, æ. 97. c.

1 NATHAN BARBER was allowed for "work in the Roads in 1768 & 1769, 7s. 6d." On the church records we find

- 2 i. "*Hannah*, dau. of Nathan Barber and Margaret, his wife, bap. June 23, 1771."
- 3 ii. "*Nathan*, bap. Sept. 17, 1775."

1 WILLIAM BARKER is supposed to have been a native of Concord, Mass. He m. Jane, dau. of William and Keziah (Cloyes) Goddard, b. March 12, 1739; settled first in Westborough. In 1761, he became one of the proprietors of Monadnock, No. V., and immediately commenced preparations for settling here. He is said to have first visited the township some time during that year, and to have spent considerable time here in 1762 and 1763. He also spent the spring and summer of 1764 in clearing his land and erecting a log house, into which he moved his family, Sept. 17, 1764. So to this family belongs the honor of being the first one to settle in this town. Mr. Barker was for many years an active and influential citizen. He d. Oct. 5, 1798, æ. 62.

- 2 i. *Abigail*, b. Aug. 20, 1760.
- 3 ii. *William*, b. June 5, 1762; d. Apr. 12, 1790.
- 4 iii. *Mary*, b. Dec. 18, 1763.
- 5 iv. *Ruth*, b. Apr. 2, 1766; d. Apr. 7, 1790.
- 6 v. *John*, b. Dec. 1, 1767; d. 1820.
- 7 vi. *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 5, 1770; m., March 20, 1800, Abijah Cadwell of Fair Haven, Vt.
- 8 vii. *Luke*, b. Oct. 12, 1771; d. March 3, 1786.

- 9 VIII. *Nathan*, b. Sept. 28, 1773; m., Jan. 6, 1804, *Lucy Lawrence*; settled in Vermont.
- 10 IX. *Peleg*, b. Aug. 6, 1776; d. March 1, 1786.
- 11 X. *Lucy*, b. July 14, 1780.
- 12 XI. *Olive*, b. Sept. 18,*1783; was scalded to death, Jan. 7, 1786.

13 FRANCIS BARKER, a half-brother of William, was b. in Concord, Mass., Feb. 24, 1760. At the age of seventeen, he entered the Continental army, where he remained three years and six months. Soon after the close of the war, he purchased a tract of land in the south-west part of this town, afterwards the town-farm and still known as the Barker-place. The land at that time was covered with a heavy growth of pine-trees, some of which were of immense size; and, as he was looking about for a place on which to erect a temporary shelter, he by accident discovered that the stub of one of these was hollow. It had an entrance near the ground, and had evidently been the abode of wild beasts. He entered this opening, and, to his surprise, found that, although nearly six feet in height, he could lie down easily. This he at once decided to make his abode, while clearing his land. Cleaning it out, he obtained a large flat stone, which he placed within to be used as a door, fastening it with a prop placed against the opposite side. Here he would lie down at night after the labors of the day, having his slumbers often disturbed by the howling of wolves, which gathered in large numbers about his rude habitation. This was consumed when he burned his first chopping, although he used every precaution to prevent its destruction. He then constructed a hut not unlike an Indian wigwam, in which he continued to reside until he could erect a more commodious dwelling. His food consisted mainly of raw salt pork and brown bread, which he obtained at his brother's once a week. He m. *Lucy Derby* of Concord, Mass., who d. Sept. 16, 1817, æ. 55. He d. Oct. 4, 1828.

- 14 I. *Nathan D.*, b. Oct. 14, 1789.+
- 15 II. *Polly*, b. Sept. 5, 1791; m. John Hardy of Westboro, Mass.; d. in Windham, N.H., June 28, 1866.
- 16 III. *Joseph*, b. Dec. 9, 1793; d. 1799.
- 17 IV. *Lucy*, b. Sept. 9, 1796; m. Elijah Pratt of Malden; d. in Watertown, Mass., Oct. 6, 1876.
- 18 V. *Betsy*, b. June 10, 1798; m., March 9, 1824, John Hardy of Westboro, Mass.; d. Aug., 1833.
- 19 VI. *Joseph*, b. Feb. 26, 1800; m. Mary Britton of Keene; resided in Delevan, Wis.; d. 1880.

- (14) NATHAN D. BARKER, son of Francis, m., March 18, 1818, Susanna (Allen) Hastings of Sullivan. In 1830, he sold his farm, and removed to the Cummings tavern, where he resided two years, and thence to Troy; remained there a short time, and afterwards resided in Fitzwilliam and Keene. He d. in Fitchburg, March 28, 1866. His widow d. in Fitchburg, Nov. 3, 1873.
- 20 I. *Lucius*, b. Jan. 22, 1819; removed to the West. He was a member of the 14th Wis. Reg., and was killed at the battle of Pittsburg Landing, Apr. 7, 1862.
- 21 II. *Thomas H.*, b. Jan. 4, 1821; m. Ann Jones of Reading, Vt.; d. in Fitchburg, Feb. 25, 1856.
- 22 III. *Charles*, b. Aug. 1, 1822; m. Elmira Ellis; she d., and he m. (2d) Emily Hall; resides in Fitchburg. He served in the War of the Rebellion, in the 21st and 57th Regs. Mass. Vols.; was promoted to First Lieut. Aug. 21, 1861, and to Capt. Nov. 11, 1864.
- 23 IV. *Lucy D.*, b. July 31, 1824; m., Nov. 18, 1848, Henry P. Wheelock of Leominster; resides in Fitchburg.
- 24 V. *Lorenzo*, b. June 13, 1826; m. Ellen Jones of Reading, Vt.; resides in Fitchburg; is a carpenter, lumber dealer, and manufacturer of sash-doors and blinds.
- 25 VI. *Sarah Jane*, b. Aug. 25, 1829; resides in Fitchburg.
- 26 VII. *Francis A.*, b. in Fitzwilliam, June 17, 1832; d. Sept. 24, 1834.
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- 27 Mrs. SALLY BARKER came to Marl. to reside in May, 1867. She is the dau. of Josiah and Sophia (Griffin) Parker; b. in Nelson, Jan. 21, 1816, and the widow of Ora Barker, who was b. in Nelson, Feb. 16, 1814, and d. in Lowell, Mass., Jan. 25, 1863. They were m. March 12, 1840. Of the children, the six eldest were b. in Nelson, the remainder in Lowell.
- 28 I. *Abner Ora*, b. Oct. 18, 1841; d. May 9, 1845.
- 29 II. *Thaddeus Angelo*, b. Oct. 13, 1843; m. Emma C. Howe; resides in Boston.
- 30 III. *Sarah Emma*, b. Feb. 4, 1846, um.
- 31 IV. *Daphene Priscilla*, b. Feb. 11, 1848, um.
- 32 V. *Jerome Josiah*, b. May 31, 1852; m., March 19, 1879, Emma F. Colburn; resides in Lancaster, Mass.
- 33 VI. *Amelia Sophia*, b. July 27, 1854; d. Dec. 21, 1856.
- 34 VII. *Charles Wilder*, b. Feb. 29, 1856; d. May 16, 1856.

- 35 VIII. *James Ora*, b. Aug. 3, 1857.
 36 IX. *Edwin Chapin*, b. Feb. 3, 1859.
 37 X. *Minnie Stella*, b. Oct. 8, 1862.
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- 1 CALVIN BARNARD, b. in Schenectady, N.Y., Sept. 2, 1816; m., Sept. 29, 1846, Mary Miranda Perkins, b. in Unity, N.H., Aug. 28, 1823. They came to this town Apr., 1859, and resided on the Shaker farm, so called, at the foot of the mountain, near the Jaffrey line. The family removed to Troy in 1872, where they now reside.
- 2 I. *Josephine Clarinda*, b. in Marlow, Sept. 30, 1847; m., Jan. 2, 1872, Hudson D. Hale of Rindge. He d. June 5, 1873; and she m. (2d), Sept. 27, 1876, Charles H. Stanford of Keene.
- 3 II. *Adelaide Melinda*, b. in Unity, N.H., Sept. 28, 1849; d. Feb. 17, 1867.
- 4 III. *Carlos Melvin*, b. in Unity, N.H., July 24, 1851; m., May 17, 1877, Harriet R. Lawrence of Troy.
- 5 IV. *Alice Betsey*, b. in Unity, N.H., June 26, 1853.
- 6 V. *Homer Calvin*, b. in Ashby, Mass., Oct. 17, 1855.
- 7 VI. *Mary Eliza*, b. in Fitchburg, July 8, 1858; d. Feb. 14, 1867.
- 8 VII. *Henry Lyman*, b. in Marl., Jan. 23, 1861.
- 9 VIII. *Idella Frances*, b. in Marl., March 10, 1863.
- 10 IX. *Emily Lucy*, b. in Marl., July 10, 1865.
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- 1 JOHN A. BATCHELDER, b. in Northfield, N.H., Sept. 16, 1830; m., July 3, 1852, Elmina, dau. of George W. and Laura (Greenwood) Worsley; he now resides in Keene; is a carpenter by trade, and works for the Humphrey Machine Co.
- 2 I. *Clara F.*, b. in Marl., Oct. 17, 1853; d. April 20, 1858.
- 3 II. *Clarabelle L.*, b. in Swanzey, Sept. 18, 1859.
- 4 III. *Ader M.*, b. in Ware, N.H., Aug. 11, 1861; d. Oct. 21, 1861.
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- 1 JAMES BATCHELLER, M.D., was b. in Royalston, Mass., June 5, 1791 (see Chap. XII.). He came to Marl. in 1818, and commenced the practice of medicine; m., Dec. 31, 1821, Persis, dau. of Phillips and Persis (Joslin) Sweetser. For a few years, he resided with his father-in-law in the house since owned by Moses Hunt. He then purchased the place now owned by Benjamin B. Cushing, and built the present house about 1825. He removed to Fitzwilliam in 1855, where he d. April 14, 1866. His wife d. in Marl., Aug. 14, 1851.

- 2 i. *James*, b. Aug. 7, 1822; d. Dec. 24, 1831.
 3 ii. *Charles*, b. June 15, 1825; d. in Fitzwilliam,
 March 12, 1860, um.
 4 iii. *Philip S.*, b. Sept. 2, 1828; m., Feb. 11, 1851,
 Frances A. Chaplin, b. in Fitzwilliam, Sept. 30,
 1836, d. Dec. 28, 1871; resides in Fitzwilliam.
 He is a druggist in Co. with his brother.
 5 1. *Ida Louisa*, b. Apr. 1, 1859.
 6 iv. *Stephen*, b. Sept. 14, 1830; m., Sept. 13, 1859,
 Abby Briggs of Claremont, N.H., b. in Charles-
 town, N.H., Apr. 10, 1841; resides in Fitz-
 william.
 7 1. *Fannie*, b. June 25, 1867.
 8 2. *James*, b. March 17, 1872; d. Aug. 17,
 1872.
 9 3. *James*, b. June 29, 1873; d. Aug. 26, 1873.

- 1 JONATHAN BELDING, b. in Northfield, Mass., Apr. 3,
 1761; m. *Sarah K. Larabee*, b. in Rindge, July 5, 1763;
 settled first in Northfield, and was a soldier of the Revolu-
 tion from that town.
 2 i. *Sarah*, b. in Northfield, Oct. 26, 1785; removed
 to Canada.
 3 ii. *Jonathan*, b. in Northfield, Nov. 27, 1787; d.
 May 31, 1818, um.
 Mrs. Belding d. Oct. 12, 1788, and he m. (2d) *Abigail*
Coal, b. Apr. 11, 1771. The family came to Marl. to
 reside in 1794, and located on the Thomas Page farm, in
 what is now known as the "Prescott Pasture," south-
 westerly of the farm now owned by Levi Jones. After re-
 siding here some eight years, they removed to Vermont.
 He d. in Canton, N.Y., May 17, 1851. His wife d. Oct.
 26, 1850.
 4 iii. *Abigail*, b. in Northfield, Nov. 2, 1790; m. *Samuel*
 Williams of Dublin; d. May 17, 1872.
 5 iv. *Harriet*, b. in Northfield, Sept. 5, 1792; m. *Samuel*
 Lewis of Cornish; d. July 29, 1845.
 6 v. *Samuel C.*, b. May 6, 1794; m. *Cynthia Wilson*
 of Shoreham, Vt.; settled in Canton, N.Y.; d.
 Nov., 1854.
 7 vi. *Mary*, b. in Marl., April 24, 1797; m. *James*
 White of Cornish; removed to the West about
 1834.
 8 vii. *Submit*, b. in Marl., Nov. 19, 1800; m. *Oliver*
 Holden of Pittsford, Vt.; d. 1869.
 9 viii. *Asa*, b. in Marl., Oct. 10, 1802; m. *Cynthia Mus-*
 sey of Brandon, Vt.

- 10 IX. *Alonzo*, b. in Crown Point, N.Y., Aug. 24, 1804; m. Maria Stillman of Brandon, Vt.; removed to the West.
- 11 X. *Jemima*, b. in Crown Point, Apr. 6, 1807; m. Alverus Kilburn of Whiting, Vt.; d. Jan. 14, 1849.
- 12 XI. *Danford R.*, b. in Shoreham, Vt., Apr. 3, 1809; m. Betsey Tasker of Cornish; resides in Iowa.
- 13 XII. *Clement M.*, b. in Shoreham, Vt., Feb. 7, 1812; m. Mehitable Wheeler of Pittsford, Vt.; d. Nov. 1, 1848.
- 14 XIII. *Lucina*, b. in Leicester, Vt., May 22, 1815; m. Mason Simons of Orwell, Vt. He d., and she m. (2d) William McEwin of Marley, N.Y.

1 EBENEZER BELKNAP, eldest son of Jedediah and Deborah (Streeter) Belknap of Framingham, Mass., came to Marl. at an early date, and settled in the north part of the town, on what is now called the Capron place in Roxbury.

2 I. *Silence*, m. Samuel McCollester, *q.v.*

3 II. *Deborah*, m. — Taylor.

4 III. *Ebenezer*, d. young.

5 IV. *A daughter*, m. — Hadley.

6 V. *A daughter*, m. — Winch.

Capt. Ebenezer Belknap m. Mrs. Polly Rogers, Dec. 19, 1792. (Town records.)

BEMIS.

JOSEPH BEMIS, b. in 1619; was in Watertown, Mass., as early as 1640; was selectman, 1648, 1672, and 1675; d. Aug. 7, 1684. By wife Sarah, he had nine children. John, the youngest, b. Aug., 1659; m. Mary, dau. of George and Susannah Harrington, b. Jan. 12, 1663-64. She d., and he m. (2d), Jan. 1, 1716-17, Sarah, widow of Jonathan Phillips, Esq. She d., and he m. (3d), May 30, 1726, Judith, widow of James Barnard. He d. Oct. 24, 1732. John, son of John and Mary (Harrington) Bemis, b. Oct. 6, 1686; m., May 8, 1710, Hannah, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Whitney) Warren, b. Jan. 25, 1690-91. Their eldest son, John, b. Feb. 11, 1711-12; m., Feb. 16, 1731-32, Hannah, dau. of Capt. Daniel and Hannah (Bigelow) Warren, b. Apr. 28, 1715; settled in Weston, and had twelve children.

- 1 TIMOTHY BEMIS, son of John and Hannah (Warren) Bemis, b. in Weston, Mass., March 6, 1734; m. Martha Wesson, Jan. 10, 1756; settled first in Weston, where several of his children were b. He came to this town as early as 1776, and settled on the farm now owned by Samuel Jones. He was killed in 1806, by falling from a load of corn-stalks. His widow d. Apr. 24, 1808.

- 2 I. *James*, b. Sept. 7, 1756.+
 3 II. *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 7, 1759.
 4 III. *Martha*, b. March 3, 1761; m. Josiah Lewis, *q.v.*
 5 IV. *David*, b. June 13, 1763.+
 6 V. *Jeremiah*, b. July 13, 1765.+
 7 VI. *Abel*, m., March 4, 1793, Prudence Swan.
 8 VII. *Jonathan*, b. July 2, 1769.+
 9 VIII. *Daniel*, settled in Boston.
 10 IX. *Sally*.
 11 X. *Timothy*, b. July 19, 1776.+
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- (2) JAMES BEMIS, son of Timothy, m. Hannah, dau. of Jonathan and Martha (Leland) Frost, and settled in what is now called "the Log-house Pasture," in the northerly part of the town; removed to Dublin about 1792.
- 12 I. *Jonathan*, b. in Marl., Dec. 30, 1780.
 Mrs. Bemis d. Feb. 9, 1785; and he m. (2d), in 1786, Lois Walker of Sudbury, Mass. He d. Dec. 15, 1832.
- 13 II. *Hannah*, b. Jan. 30, 1786; m. Benjamin Fairbanks.
 14 III. *James*, b. Oct. 17, 1787; d. July, 1807.
 15 IV. *Lois*, b. Apr. 12, 1789; m. John Knowlton; removed to N.Y. State.
 16 V. *Thomas*, b. May 7, 1793; m., 1815, Sally Williams, who d. June 22, 1818; and he m. (2d) Anna Knight of Sudbury, Mass.; settled in that part of Dublin called Pottersville.
 17 VI. *Josiah*, b. Aug. 20, 1795; m. Esther Riggs of Cornish. She d., and he m. (2d) Sybil Emery of Jaffrey. He d. March 6, 1852.
 18 VII. *Betsy*, b. Oct. 15, 1797; d. Sept., 1799.
 19 VIII. *Eli*, b. Apr. 30, 1800; d. Sept. 9, 1833.
 20 IX. *Mercy*, b. Sept. 12, 1804; m. Luke Knowlton, *q.v.*
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- (5) DAVID BEMIS, son of Timothy, m., 1783, Lucinda, dau. of Oliver and Lois (Johnson) Wright; removed to Londonderry, Vt.
- 21 I. *Oliver Wright*, b. Jan. 31, 1784; d. Feb. 3, 1785.
 22 II. *Lucinda*, b. Apr. 12, 1786; m. George W. Phillips, *q.v.*
 23 III. *Patty*, b. Apr. 2, 1788; m., Oct., 1811, Oliver Plumly of Keene.
 24 IV. *Lois*, b. Jan. 7, 1792.
 25 V. *David*, b. Feb. 9, 1795.
 26 VI. *Cyrus*, b. Sept. 3, 1802.
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- (6) JEREMIAH BEMIS, son of Timothy, m., Sept., 1788,

- Sarah, dau. of Oliver and Lois (Johnson) Wright; removed to Dublin in 1795.
- 27 I. *Jeremiah*, b. in Marl., May 23, 1789; m. Hannah, dau. of Ebenezer and Lydia (Eaton) Herrick; removed to Wethersfield, Vt.
- 28 II. *Lucretia*, b. in Marl., Feb. 16, 1791; m. John Lewis, *q.v.*
- 29 III. *Oliver*, b. in Marl., Jan. 13, 1793; m. Diadama, dau. of Joseph and Martha (Clark) Tolman; removed to Guildhall, Vt.
- 30 IV. *Horace*, b. in Dublin, June 22, 1799; d. Nov. 20, 1801.
- 31 V. *Horace*, b. in Dublin, Apr. 13, 1803; resides in Williston, Vt.
- 32 VI. *A daughter*, b. in Dublin, Apr. 4, 1807; d. the same year.
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- (8) JONATHAN BEMIS, son of Timothy, m., Feb., 1789, Delila, dau. of Ebenezer and Sarah (Page) Rhodes; settled on the farm afterwards owned by his son Enoch, where he d. Jan. 31, 1835. His widow d. Oct. 23, 1856.
- 33 I. *Jonathan*, b. June 5, 1789; d. in infancy.
- 34 II. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 4, 1791; m. William Thatcher; d. Feb. 23, 1816.
- 35 III. *A son*, b. Jan. 22, 1792; d. in infancy.
- 36 IV. *Delila*, b. Dec. 17, 1793; m., Dec. 17, 1815, Stephen Farrar of Troy; d. July 31, 1838.
- 37 V. *Jonathan*, b. Sept. 17, 1794; d. in infancy.
- 38 VI. *Luther*, b. May 21, 1796.+
- 39 VII. *Calvin*, b. Jan. 27, 1798.+
- 40 VIII. *Martha*, b. Sept. 12, 1799; d. Feb. 23, 1829, um.
- 41 IX. *Anna*, b. July 5, 1801; m. Amasa Fuller, *q.v.*
- 42 X. *Jonathan*, b. Sept. 16, 1803.+
- 43 XI. *Dolly*, b. June 13, 1805; m., Dec. 23, 1827, Howard Clark; resides in Troy.
- 44 XII. *Betsey*, b. March 19, 1807; d. Apr. 4, 1831.
- 45 XIII. *Asa*, b. March 13, 1809.+
- 46 XIV. *Enoch*, b. Jan. 28, 1811.+
- 47 XV. *Artemas*, b. Dec. 21, 1812.+
- 48 XVI. *Harriet*, b. Oct. 12, 1815; m., Sept. 21, 1841, Daniel Bugbee; removed to Vermont.
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- (11) TIMOTHY BEMIS, youngest son of Timothy, m., June 3, 1795, Lois, dau. of Ebenezer and Sarah (Page) Rhodes; settled on the home farm. In 1812, he removed with his family to Malone, N.Y. Children all but four b. in Marl.
- 49 I. *Harriet*, b. Feb. 12, 1796.
- 50 II. *A child*, b. Feb. 11, 1797.

- 51 III. *Hiram*, b. July 14, 1798.
- 52 IV. *Ebenezer*, b. March 28, 1800.
- 53 V. *Thirsa*, b. Aug. 12, 1801.
- 54 VI. *Uranus*, b. Dec. 9, 1802.
- 55 VII. *Nancy*, b. Dec. 13, 1804.
- 56 VIII. *Mary*, b. May 9, 1807.
- 57 IX. *Harry*, b. Oct. 1, 1808; d. Aug. 26, 1810.
- 58 X. *Eunice*, b. in Malone.
- 59 XI. *George*, b. in Malone.
- 60 XII. *Charles A.*, b. in Malone.
- 61 XIII. *Harry*, b. in Malone.

Timothy Bemis purchased a tract of wild land in Malone, built a saw-mill, and soon acquired quite a fortune for those times. In 1840, he became blind, and remained so until his death, which took place May 24, 1848. His widow d. Aug. 2, 1856.

(38) LUTHER BEMIS, son of Jonathan, m., June 1, 1820, Sally, dau. of George Farrar; resided for many years in Troy, where he d. Sept. 6, 1842. His widow d. March 24, 1845, æ. 48.

- 62 I. *A son*, b. Apr. 4, 1821; d. Apr. 19, 1821.
- 63 II. *George F.*, b. Apr. 11, 1822. †
- 64 III. *Luther G.*, b. July 11, 1828. †

(39) CALVIN BEMIS, son of Jonathan, m., March 14, 1822. Deborah, dau. of Asa and Deborah (Sargent) Brewer. He settled first in Swanzey, where he remained eight years, then came to Marl., and, after a residence of one year, removed to Rindge, where he lived twenty years, and thence to Troy in 1851, where he d. Aug. 9, 1872. He was a man of sound judgment, and universally respected.

- 65 I. *Eliza*, b. Oct. 10, 1823; m. Calvin Hastings, *q.v.*
- 66 II. *Maria*, b. Jan. 24, 1826; m., March 31, 1847, Charles Perry; resides in Fitzwilliam.
- 67 III. *Mary Jane*, b. Apr. 9, 1839; m., Oct. 23, 1855, Leonard Wright; resides in Keene.

(42) JONATHAN BEMIS, son of Jonathan, m., Jan. 11, 1844, Lois, dau. of Silas and Nabby (Wright) Collins; resided in the house with his brother Asa, where he d. July 4, 1854. His widow m. (2d) David Martin of Richmond, and d. July 22, 1856.

- 68 I. *Abbie J.*, b. Apr. 10, 1845; d. Oct. 10, 1851.
- 69 II. *Maria L.*, b. Sept. 6, 1846; m., Dec. 9, 1869, James M. Robbins of Leominster, Mass.
- 70 III. *Osgood J.*, b. Jan. 16, 1848. †

- 71 | iv. *George L.*, b. Jan 4, 1850; m., Jan. 11, 1870,
Nettie Willson of Fitzwilliam.
- 72 | v. *Abbie J.*, b. Aug. 5, 1852.
- 73 | vi. *John W.*, b. May 16, 1854; d. Oct. 30, 1854.
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- (45) | ASA BEMIS, son of Jonathan, m., Nov. 8, 1838, Mary,
dau. of Abel and Rachel (Cutter) Nutting.
- 74 | i. *James H.*, b. May 27, 1846; m., Aug. 7, 1871,
Louisa B. Mentyer of Stowe, Mass., who d.
Sept. 9, 1876, æ. 25 yrs. 9 mo.
- 75 | 1. *Leon M.*, b. Sept. 7, 1872.
- 76 | 2. *Harvey Clement*, b. Feb. 25, 1874.
- 77 | 3. *May Louise*, b. Apr. 15, 1875.
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- (46) | ENOCH BEMIS, son of Jonathan, m., Feb. 19, 1840,
Abigail Bugbee, b. Feb. 19, 1820; settled first in Bethel,
Vt.; returned to Marl., and settled on the home farm,
where he remained till Oct., 1865, when he again re-
moved to Bethel, Vt., where he d. Feb. 11, 1868. His
widow m. (2d) Justin H. Beckwith of Bethel, Jan. 1,
1870, and d. May 30, 1873.
- 78 | i. *Henry F.*, b. Apr. 16, 1841; d. May 17, 1861.
- 79 | ii. *Sarah E.*, b. Dec. 8, 1845; m., Oct. 19, 1872,
Charles A. Beckwith; resides in Bethel, Vt.
- 80 | iii. *Edward*, b. March 4, 1849; m. Minnie French.
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- (47) | ARTEMAS BEMIS, son of Jonathan, m., Nov. 6, 1845,
Catharine, dau. of Elias and Caty (Woodward) Thatcher.
He d. Nov. 14, 1863.
- 81 | i. *Calista D.*, b. Oct. 15, 1846, um.
- 82 | ii. *Lucy E.*, b. Oct. 16, 1850; m. George E. Gould, *q.v.*
- 83 | iii. *Rosa L.*, b. May 2, 1853; m., Apr. 15,
1874, Horace A. McLane.
- 84 | iv. Twins. *Rossa L.*, b. May 2, 1853; m., Aug. 25,
1874, Moses Maynard.
- 85 | v. *Clarence A.*, b. Apr. 27, 1858; d. Apr. 11, 1864.
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- (63) | GEORGE F. BEMIS, son of Luther, m., June 1, 1845,
Rowena L. Jackson of Fitzwilliam, b. March 31, 1826;
resided for several years in Troy. He was a member of
Co. F, 3d Reg. Vt. Vols.; d. of wounds received at the
battle of the Wilderness.
- 86 | i. *Martin L.*, b. May 21, 1846; d. July 3, 1852.
- 87 | ii. *Harlan A.*, b. July 14, 1847; d. Aug. 21, 1872.
- 88 | iii. *Sarah I.*, b. March 22, 1849; m., Nov. 24, 1866,
Clinton J. Parker.
- 89 | iv. *Rosa L.*, b. Apr. 28, 1852; d. Sept. 28, 1872.

- 90 v. *Ada R.*, b. Feb. 19, 1854; d. Oct. 12, 1859.
 91 vi. *George L.*, b. Dec. 15, 1855.
 92 vii. *Byron C.*, b. Dec. 16, 1861; d. Oct. 12, 1862.
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- (64) LUTHER G. BEMIS, son of Luther, m., March 30, 1852, Abby H., dau. of Moses and Abigail (Davidson) Cutter, b. in Jaffrey, Nov. 26, 1832.
- 93 i. *Charles L.*, b. June 6, 1854; m., March 13, 1877, Sarah A., dau. of Henry and Sarah (Flint) Gould.
 94 ii. *Frederick C.*, b. Oct. 16, 1857.
 95 iii. *Abby L.*, b. Nov. 12, 1859.
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- (70) OSGOOD J. BEMIS, son of Jonathan and Lois (Collins) Bemis, m., Sept. 23, 1868, Hattie S. Houghton of Westminster, Mass., d. Feb. 8, 1870; m. (2d) Lucy J. (White) Shepherd, Dec. 25, 1871. Children by first wife.
- 96 i. *Minnie L.*, b. June 17, 1869.
 97 ii. *Frankie J.*, b. Jan. 12, 1870.

PHILIP BEMIS, perhaps grandson of Joseph, who settled in Watertown, Mass., in 1640; was in Cambridge in 1723, and m., Nov. 21, 1723, Elizabeth Lawrence. In 1738, he moved to Westminster, Mass., being the third settler in that township. He had six children, all born in Cambridge. The date of their birth is not recorded, but the church records give the date of baptism as follows: Philip and William, Nov. 13, 1726; David, July 30, 1727; Abigail, July 25, 1731; Edmund, Oct. 22, 1732; Zacheus, July 25, 1736. Zacheus m. Elizabeth Lyon, and settled in Westminster. He had several children, among whom was William, b. Jan. 11, 1777; m., Nov. 28, 1799, Hannah, dau. of John and Hannah (Garey) Derby, b. in Westminster, Nov. 17, 1781. He was a blacksmith, and resided for the most part of his life in Westminster, where he d. Oct. 8, 1835. His wife survived him, and d. in Ashburnham, Apr. 12, 1861.

- 98 CHARLES RUSSELL BEMIS, son of William and Hannah (Derby) Bemis, was b. in Princeton, Mass., Dec. 5, 1814. His youthful days were spent in Westminster at work on the farm or in his father's shop, until twenty years of age, when he learned the painter's trade, serving an apprenticeship with E. and G. Kendall. He afterwards resided in Ashburnham, and in 1838 removed to Jaffrey, where he m., July 21, 1839, Elmira, dau. of Ethel and Rebecca (Baker) Parmenter, b. in Marl., Jan. 9, 1818. After a short residence in Jaffrey, he went to Troy, where he remained until the spring of 1842, when he came to Marl. to take charge of the Baker farm. In 1845, in company with Amos A. Mason, he commenced the manufacture of chair seats, in the mill since owned

- by Tarbell & Whitney. He soon sold his interest in this mill, and commenced the same business with Austin G. Parmenter, in the mill now owned by Osgood R. Wiswall, where he remained for nearly twenty years, since which time he has followed painting. His wife d. Apr. 7, 1880.
- 99 i. *Ellen R.*, b. in Troy, May 15, 1841.
100 ii. *Charles A.*, b. in Marl., Jan. 29, 1848.
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- 101 EDMUND BEMIS, son of Capt. Edmund and Elizabeth (Rand) Bemis, and grandson of Philip and Elizabeth (Lawrence) Bemis, b. in Westminster, Mass., in 1765; m. Susannah Graves, and settled first in Fitchburg, but in 1807 he purchased a farm in that part of Marl. now included in Troy. He d. Feb. 12, 1857; his wife, Jan. 5, 1848.
- 102 i. *Clarissa*, m. William Whitecomb.
103 ii. *Elijah*, d. in infancy.
104 iii. *Elijah*, m. Lucy Butler; d. Nov. 5, 1852.
105 iv. *Susannah*, m. William Jackson of Wallingford, Vt.; d. Dec. 5, 1826.
106 v. *Jonas*, m. Fannie Lawrence; d. in Troy.
107 vi. *Polly*, m. George W. Brown; resides in Troy.
108 vii. *Sumner*, m. R. Ann Thompson.
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- 1 Rev. SALMON BENNETT was b. in Brattleboro, Vt., Jan. 6, 1790. He received academic education in his native town, and entered the Sophomore class of Middlebury College at the age of twenty-two. At that time, there were one hundred and fifty students. Among his college mates were many who attained eminence, both in Church and State; Silas Wright, the distinguished Senator and Governor of New York, Pliny Fisk, Levi Parsons, Myron Winslow, and others. After leaving college, he studied theology with the Rev. Mr. Newton of Marlboro, Vt. In the winter of 1816, he had a call to preach in Winchester, which he accepted, and was ordained and installed their pastor the September following. He labored there eight years; and, after preaching one year in Roxbury, he came to Marl., and was installed pastor of the Congregational Church, Sept. 28, 1825. He purchased the farm now owned by Elias A. Thatcher, where he resided during his pastorate here. In 1832, he accepted a call to Boscawen, where he was for some time the associate pastor with the Rev. Dr. Wood. He afterwards preached at Irving, Wendell, and Heath, Mass., and Halifax, Vt. He was now past threescore years, and failing health made it necessary for him to make

other arrangements for his comfort; and, in the fall of 1862, he removed to Sherman, N.Y., to reside with his children, where he was living in 1876. He m. in 1821 Hepsibah N. Jewell of Winchester.

- 2 I. *Henry Martin*, b. in Winchester, Apr. 10, 1822; m., Oct., 1851, Sarah Warfield of Heath, Mass.; d. at Painted Post, Steuben Co., N.Y., Jan. 17, 1873. His parents intended him for the ministry, but bronchitis affected his voice so that he was obliged to relinquish the idea, but at the age of nineteen commenced teaching, which he followed till his death.
- 3 II. *Hepsibah C.*, b. in Roxbury, Aug. 18, 1824; m., July 14, 1847, Leonard Scott of Heath, Mass.; resides in Dunkirk, N.Y.
- 4 III. *Frances B.*, b. in Marl., July 25, 1826; m., May 16, 1849, Henry L. Kendrick of Heath, Mass.; resides in Sherman, N.Y.
- 5 IV. *Salmon*, b. in Marl., Apr. 11, 1829; m., 1855, Lydia Heath of Sherman, N.Y.
- 6 V. *Noah*, b. in Marl., Apr. 26, 1831; m., Sept., 1855, Nancy Hill; d. in Sherman, N.Y., Feb. 7, 1875.
- 7 VI. *Lucia Maria*, b. in Winchester, Dec. 12, 1836; m., Oct., 1861, L. Clark of Waterford, Pa.; resides in Sherman, N.Y.

1 NATHANIEL BIGELOW, son of Nathaniel and Susannah (Jennings) Bigelow, b. in Framingham, Mass.; m., 1813, Catharine Tyler of Leominster, Mass.; came to this town, and located on the farm since owned by Noah Porter. He removed to Leominster about 1818, and thence to Jaffrey, where he d. July 28, 1876.

- 2 I. *Perkins*, b. Nov. 11, 1814; resides in Mansfield, O.; is a wholesale druggist, and was the first mayor of that city.
- 3 II. *Catherine*, b. March 29, 1817; m. William Carter of Jaffrey; resides in Fitchburg.

4 JOHN BIGELOW, a brother of Nathaniel, m. Betsey Follansbee of Leominster, Mass.; came to Marl. with his brother, and resided on the same farm; returned to Framingham about 1818. We find no record of this family.

5 ALBERT S. BIGELOW was b. in Montpelier, Vt., Sept. 10, 1831. He came to Marl. in Jan., 1855, and m., May 14, 1855, Lydia Maria, dau. of John and Lovisa (Converse) Buss. In the spring of 1859, he removed to

Swanzey, but returned to Marl., June, 1872, where he has since resided. He is a machinist by trade.

- 6 i. *Arthur Fremont*, b. March 21, 1856; m., May 28, 1877, Anna M., dau. of George W. Ellis of Swanzey; resides in Keene, and is employed in the Keene National Bank.
- 7 ii. *Edith Maria*, b. March 7, 1860; d. Aug. 23, 1861.
- 8 iii. *Archie Wilson*, b. Aug. 15, 1862.
- 9 iv. *Lester Lyman*, b. June 6, 1869; d. Feb. 10, 1871.

Mrs. Bigelow d. Sept. 24, 1872; and he m. (2d), Apr. 10, 1873, Alice L., dau. of Thaddeus and Eliza H. (Buss) Metcalf.

- 1 RUSSELL BIXBY, b. in Windsor, N.H., March 1, 1816; m., May 15, 1842, Sarah L. Wright, b. in Washington, N.H., Aug. 15, 1813, d. Apr. 24, 1849; and he m. (2d), Aug. 1, 1850, Emily R. Dame, b. in Goshen, Aug. 29, 1826. Mr. Bixby moved from Lempster to this town, Dec. 29, 1870, and located on the farm formerly owned by Capt. Asa Frost, where he now resides.
- 2 i. *Helen Etta* (an adopted dau.), b. in Keene, Apr. 7, 1860; m., Apr. 29, 1877, Walter H. Bruce, b. in Shirley, Mass., March 28, 1855.
- 3 1. Clinton Russell, b. in Marl., May 24, 1878.
- 4 2. Maud M., b. in Marl., March 4, 1880.

BLANCHARD.

The history of the Blanchard family dates back to the time of Louis XIV. of France, when there was living a race of people called the Huguenots, who were persecuted to such an extent on account of their religion that they were obliged to flee from the country; they went to England, and there took up their abode. Among this race was a family of Blancher (or Blanshaw as pronounced in French), who resided in the town of Preston. In the year 1639, several families in that place decided to emigrate to America, and among them was one THOMAS BLANCHARD and his wife Agnes, who, with four sons, all by his first wife, and an infant of his then present wife, embarked with this colony in a vessel by the name of "Jonathan." Thomas Blanchard, who was the ancestor of the larger part of the New England families of that name, arrived in Charlestown, Mass., June 23, 1639. Before the vessel arrived, his wife d., leaving an infant, who survived her but a short time. He m. a third wife, Mary —, who survived him, and d. a widow in 1676. After leaving Charlestown, it is supposed he settled in Braintree, where he resided from 1646 to 1651. He then purchased a house and farm of two hundred acres on Mystic-Side, Charlestown, now Malden, to which he removed the same year, and where he d. May, 1654. He left four sons,—George, who settled in Charlestown, Thomas, who settled in Malden, Samuel and Nathaniel, who settled in Weymouth. Samuel, the third son of Thomas, the emigrant, was b. in England, Aug. 6, 1627, and was twelve years old when he came to this country. He m., Jan. 3, 1654,

Mary, dau. of Seth Sweetser, Esq.; settled in Andover, Mass. His wife d. Feb. 20, 1669; and he m. (2d), June 24, 1673, Hannah Doggett. Dea. John, son of Samuel and Hannah (Doggett) Blanchard, m. Elizabeth —, and had Thomas, b. in 1670; m. Tabitha Lippenwell, and had John, b. May 20, 1696; who m. Mary —, and had William, b. in Pepperell, Mass., Sept. 5, 1714, and d. in New Ipswich, Feb. 17, 1805. William m. Deliverance Parker, and had Simeon, b. in Groton, June 11, 1747; m. Elizabeth Shattuck.

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| 1 | SIMEON BLANCHARD, son of Simeon and Elizabeth (Shattuck) Blanchard, b. Nov. 25, 1776; m. Submit Winship, b. Aug. 14, 1779, d. in Roxbury, Sept. 6, 1856. He d. Sept. 13, 1856. |
| 2 | i. <i>Hosea</i> , b. March 20, 1801; m. Melissa Bullard; resided many years in Roxbury on the Benj. Foster farm, afterwards owned by his brothers Charles G. and Amos M. He afterwards came to Marl., and located on the farm more recently owned by Simon Holt. He d. in Winchendon, March 21, 1863. |
| 3 | 1. Ann, b. Jan., 1830; m. Whitney Thompson. |
| 4 | ii. <i>Joseph W.</i> , b. Dec. 21, 1802; d. Nov. 12, 1805. |
| 5 | iii. <i>Charles G.</i> , b. Sept. 8, 1806.† |
| 6 | iv. <i>Nancy M.</i> , b. June 2, 1809; m. Luke French of Jaffrey; d. June 20, 1838. |
| 7 | v. <i>Susan</i> , b. June 15, 1813; m. Robert E. Robertson of Chicopee, Mass. |
| 8 | vi. <i>Sarah</i> , b. Aug. 10, 1816; m. George Lambert, and reside in Portland, Me. |
| 9 | vii. <i>Amos M.</i> , b. Apr. 28, 1818; m. Maria E. Atwood of Nelson. He purchased the old homestead in Roxbury of his brother, where he resided till 1869, when he removed to Greenfield, Mass., where he now resides. |
| 10 | 1. Eunice Amanda, b. Sept. 27, 1847; m., Feb. 20, 1866, Minot Ellis; resides in Greenfield, Mass. |
| 11 | 2. Milan Warren, b. Sept. 5, 1849; m., Sept. 1872, Mary J., dau. of John and Emerline (White) McRory. |
| 12 | 3. Araminta Maria, b. Nov. 1, 1851; m., 1867, Henry Ellis. She d. Aug. 22, 1870. |
| 13 | 4. Nancy Eliza Jane, b. Dec. 24, 1854; m., Dec. 24, 1873, Frank D. Osborne; resides in Greenfield, Mass. |
| 14 | 5. Willie Edgar, b. May 28, 1857. |
| 15 | 6. Iola Frances, b. Apr. 8, 1859. |
| 16 | 7. Hattie C., b. June 13, 1864. |
| 17 | 8. Frank P., b. Sept. 15, 1867. |

- 18 VIII. *Joseph*, b. Apr. 21, 1821; m., Apr. 11, 1844, Eliza Jane, dau. of Charles and Emily (Frost) Gilbert, and resided in Leominster, Mass., where he d. Dec. 25, 1877.
- 19 1. George F., b. Oct. 31, 1848.
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- (5) CHARLES G. BLANCHARD, son of Simeon, m., Sept. 23, 1832, Sophronia, dau. of Samuel and Sarah Davis, b. in Compton, Lower Canada, Nov. 23, 1807. He first settled in Roxbury, where he remained twenty years, and after residing two years in Peterboro, several years in Hartland, Vt., and one year in Troy, he came to Marl., where he d. Dec. 15, 1867. His widow m. (2d), 1876, William Felch, Esq., of Felchville, Vt., where she now resides, a widow.
- 20 I. *Charles C.*, b. Aug. 12, 1833; m., May 31, 1857, Maria E. Jewett of Peterboro; Apr. 1, 1858, he removed to Malden, Mass., where his wife d. Nov. 28, 1858. He m. (2d), Jan. 2, 1862, Annie M., dau. of Charles and Lucy Simonds. To him the author is indebted for valuable information concerning the Blanchard family.
- 21 1. Alice Lambert, b. June 12, 1867.
- 22 II. *Samuel D.*, b. Feb. 26, 1838; m. Lovina F. Dorr of Bucksport, Me; resides in Boston, and is one of the police in that city.
- 23 1. Mary Alberta, b. May 29, 1862.
- 24 2. Effie Lillian, b. Feb. 28, 1865.
- 25 3. Nellie Frances, b. Apr. 12, 1874.
- 26 4. { Charles S., b. Nov. 5, 1876; d.
- 27 5. Twins. { Sept. 22, 1878.
 Florence E., b. Nov. 5, 1876; d.
 July 24, 1877.
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- 1 JONATHAN BLODGETT, b. in 1755; came to Marl. about 1794. He had previously resided in Harvard, Mass., and Jaffrey. He was in the war of the Revolution, entering the army when twenty years of age; was at the battle of Bennington, and also one of the sufferers at Ticonderoga. His first wife was Susan Tenney, probably of Jaffrey.
- 2 I. *Joseph*, d. in Gilead, Me.
- 3 II. *Luke*, b. 1787. †
- 4 III. *Nathan*, d. in Jaffrey.
- 5 IV. *Sarah*, d. in Berlin, N.H.
- 6 V. *Polly*, m., May 5, 1811, Levi Whittimore; d. in Troy, Jan. 31, 1858.

Mrs. Blodgett d., and he m. (2d) Parney, dau. of Benjamin Goodenough, Oct. 8, 1795. About 1800, he removed to Gillead, Me., where he d. at the age of 96. Children by second wife:—

- 7 VI. *Susan*, resided in Milton, Me.
- 8 VII. *Nancy*, resided in Attleboro, Mass.
- 9 VIII. *Samuel*, resides in Berlin, N.H.
- 10 IX. *Joseph*, resides in Berlin, N.H.
- 11 X. *Roxanna*,
- 12 XI. *Betsey*.
- 13 XII. *Washington*.
- 14 XIII. *Reuben*.

(3) LUKE BLODGETT, son of Jonathan, m., Oct., 1810, Catharine, dau. of Luther and Miriam (Newton) Newton. He resided for many years on the Tozer farm, now owned by Augustus T. Woodward, where his wife d. Jan. 1, 1860. He d. in Roxbury, Oct. 16, 1871.

- 15 I. *Alton*, b. Apr. 1, 1812; m., Nov. 9, 1837, Mary Ann, dau. of Daniel and Mary (Knight) Buttrick; resided for many years in Fitchburg, where he d. Sept. 19, 1878. c.
- 16 II. *Melinda*, b. June 20, 1813; m., Apr. 20, 1841, Joseph Brooks Wilson of Mason, N.H.; d. June 23, 1862.
- 17 III. *Catharine*, b. Nov. 13, 1814, um.
- 18 IV. *Cyrus*, b. Sept. 29, 1817; m., Aug. 1, 1855, Lorinda Smith of Fitchburg; d. July 1, 1880, c.
- 19 V. *Barton*, b. March 13, 1819. +
- 20 VI. *Edmund*, b. Sept. 9, 1820. +
- 21 VII. *Miriam*, b. Feb. 3, 1822; resides in Fitzwilliam, um.
- 22 VIII. *Persis S.*, b. Feb. 7, 1826; m., July 28, 1864, Joseph Brooks Wilson; resides in Mason, N.H.
- 23 IX. *Elizabeth*, b. Apr. 28, 1827; m. L. D. Tomkins of Orange, N.J., where she now resides.
- 24 X. *Hannah*, b. March 15, 1829.

(19) BARTON BLODGETT, son of Luke, m., May 25, 1843, Cosbi, dau. of Calvin and Tabitha (Baker) Tenney; d. Sept. 5, 1879.

- 25 I. *Jennie Cosbi*, b. Oct. 30, 1852; d. Oct. 12, 1864.
- 26 II. *Julia Clara*, b. Nov. 24, 1855; d. Jan. 25, 1859.
- 27 III. *Flora May*, b. Apr. 19, 1858.
- 28 IV. *Frank Barton*, b. March 28, 1860.
- 29 V. *George Ellsworth*, b. June 22, 1862; d. Sept. 11, 1866.
- 30 VI. *Clement Baker*, b. May 22, 1864.

(20) EDMUND BLODGETT, son of Luke, m., Dec. 8, 1853, Clara A. Esty, b. in Keene, Nov. 6, 1834. He resided in Marl. until Apr., 1859, when he removed to Keene; d. in Fitchburg, Jan. 18, 1873.

- 31 I. *Alice A.*, b. Nov. 5, 1854.
 32 II. *Charles E.*, b. June 11, 1856.
 33 III. *Nellie F.*, b. Nov. 23, 1857.

1 ELIJAH BOYDEN came from Walpole, Mass., in the spring of 1806, and purchased of Benjamin Longly the place now owned by Hon. Rufus S. Frost, and known as the Aaron Stone farm. It is said he brought with him thirty-seven hundred silver dollars, which he paid for this place. He resided here until his death, July 22, 1814, æ. 52. His wife was Amity Fisher of Walpole, Mass. She d. Oct. 29, 1841, æ. 76.

- 2 I. *Abner*, b. in Walpole, Mass., Nov. 4, 1792. +
 3 II. *George*, b. in Walpole, Mass., March 16, 1794; d. March 17, 1822, um.
 4 III. *Hannah*, b. in Walpole, Mass.; d. Apr. 3, 1825, um.
 5 IV. *Oliver*, b. in Walpole, Mass., 1800; m., Dec. 31, 1821, Eliza Prescott. He d. in New Ipswich in 1855.

6 1. *George*, b. June 26, 1826; m. Myra Adams of New Ipswich; resides at Washington, D.C.

7 2. *Henry K.*, d. Apr. 8, 1831.

8 v. *Addison*, b. in Walpole, Mass.; d. May 7, 1843, um.

9 VI. *William*, b. in Marl., Jan. 8, 1808; m., Sept. 21, 1837, Sarah N., dau. of Eber and Lydia (Adams) Tenney, d. Aug. 25, 1845; and he m. (2d), March 26, 1846, Nancy W., sister of his first wife, d. Sept. 15, 1851. He d. March 30, 1856. He was highly respected as an honorable, honest, and upright man.

10 VII. *Elijah*, b. in Marl., Aug. 15, 1814. +

(2) ABNER BOYDEN, son of Elijah, m. Nancy Crosby of Jaffrey (see Chap. XI.). He d. June 4, 1837. His widow removed to Troy, where she d. in 1842.

- 11 I. *Charles A.*, b. March 27, 1829; resides in Kansas.
 12 II. *Ann Maria*, b. Feb. 17, 1832; resides in Rockford, Ill.; um.

(10) ELIJAH BOYDEN, son of Elijah, m., Apr. 5, 1838, Anna G., dau. of Elder Charles and Polly (Hemenway) Cummings, whom he met for the first time in the stage-coach



Yours truly

Elijah Boyden

on his return from Boston, and the opportunity for acquaintance was mutually improved. It is not known that Mr. Boyden ever gave expression in words of his opinion as to the importance of this accidental meeting; but we doubt not he himself together with the many friends of Mrs. Boyden regard it as the most fortunate circumstance of his life. At the age of fourteen, he entered the store of his brother Abner as clerk, where he remained about six years; and to the experience and training which he received during this time he is probably very largely indebted for the formation and strengthening of correct business-habits, which have given him such marked success. At the age of eighteen, he had so gained the respect and confidence of the citizens of the town that he was recommended for postmaster; to which office he was soon after appointed. He discharged the duties of this position nearly three years, when he resigned; and, with the consent and approval of his brother, he went to Boston, and in company with Josiah L. Crosby engaged in the retail dry-goods business, occupying a store at No. 73 Court St. This business was successfully carried on for about two years and a half, when, on account of the death of his brother Abner, he sold out his business in Boston, and returned to Marl. After settling his brother's estate, Mr. Boyden, in company with his brother William, took the stock of goods and store of his deceased brother, and commenced trade under the firm-name of W. & E. Boyden. The store then occupied was the one since used by David Wilkinson for a harness-shop. In 1840, Mr. Boyden and his brother built and moved into the store now occupied by Woodward & Nason. In 1845, he was again appointed postmaster, and held the office till 1852, when he resigned, and about the same time the firm sold their store to G. D. Richardson & Co. In 1854, Mr. Boyden was appointed Route Mail Agent between Boston and Burlington. This office he resigned in 1860, since which time he has lived comparatively retired from active labor. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace for nearly twenty-five years, and has been given many positions of responsibility and trust in the affairs of the town. In 1865 and 1866, he received the highest vote of his party for State Senator. He has always taken a deep interest in political matters, and by extensive reading has kept thoroughly conversant with the politics of the country, though in no sense has he been an office-seeker, and his convictions of duty have not been influenced by any considerations of personal distinction. He is conservative in his ideas, which,

united with keen foresight and good judgment, make his advice and counsel of peculiar value. In August, 1878, Mr. and Mrs. Boyden visited Europe, spending a short time in England and France, and the winter in Italy. In May following, they returned to their home in Marl., where they met a cordial reception from their many friends and neighbors. Soon after their return, Mr. Boyden at the earnest solicitation of many citizens gave an account of their journey, in an able and interesting address at the Town Hall.

- 13 i. *Emelia* (adopted dau.), b. Nov. 6, 1849; m., Sept. 27, 1872, Clark N. Chandler of Keene, of the firm of Dort & Chandler, druggists.

- 14 1. Carl Boyden, b. Nov. 10, 1877.

1 JAMES BREWER came from East Sudbury, now Wayland, Mass., to that part of Marl. now included in Troy, in 1768 or 1769. He possessed naturally a strong mind, which was considerably improved by education; and in his intercourse with his fellow-men he was upright, affable, and readily secured their confidence and esteem; consequently, he was often promoted to stations of honor and responsibility. He was an efficient officer in the Revolutionary army, and was with his company at Bunker Hill and subsequently at Ticonderoga. His wife was Mary Hoar.

- 2 i. *Asa*, b. July 24, 1767.†

- 3 ii. *Persis*, b. July 22, 1771; m., Aug. 12, 1789, Silas Wheeler.

- 4 iii. *James*, b. June 10, 1779.

- 5 iv. *Mary*, b. Oct. 8, 1782.

(2) ASA BREWER, son of James, m., Aug. 25, 1794, Deborah, dau. of Samuel and Deborah (Sylvester) Sargent. He resided for a few years on the "Gove place" in Roxbury, afterwards on the Enoch Garfield and Jonathan Clark farms in Troy, and then removed to Barton, Vt., where he d. March 11, 1824.

- 6 i. *Polly*, m. Jonathan Clark, who d. Aug. 20, 1850; and she m. (2d) Isaac Stowell.

- 7 ii. *Asa*, m. Rachel Knight of Sudbury, Mass.; moved to Rindge in 1837; d. in Fitzwilliam, about 1866.

- 8 iii. *Deborah*, m. Calvin Bemis, *q.v.*

- 9 iv. *Silas*, m. Lovina Woodward of Swanzey.

- 10 v. *Betsey*, m. Benjamin Garey of Jaffrey.

- 11 vi. *Persis*, m. Samuel Cross of Salem.

BRIGHAM.

THOMAS BRIGHAM, the ancestor of the Brighams of New England, embarked at London for America, Apr. 18, 1635; at which time he was 32 years of age. He settled in Watertown, Mass., on land subsequently annexed to Cambridge. He was admitted freeman in 1639, and was selectman several years. Soon after his arrival in this country, he m. Mercy Hurd, who was b. in England. He d. Dec. 18, 1653; and his widow m., March 1, 1655, Edmund Rice, then of Sudbury, and subsequently of Marl., Mass. After the death of Mr. Rice, she m., 1664, William Hunt of Concord and Marl., Mass., who d. 1667, and she d. 1693. The children of Thomas Brigham were Mary, Thomas, John, Hannah, and Samuel. Thomas, the eldest son, m. Mary Rice, eldest dau. of Henry and Elizabeth (Moore) Rice, and settled in Marl., Mass., where he d. Nov. 25, 1717. David, the fifth son of Thomas, Jr., b. Apr. 12, 1678; m. Deborah —, who d. Oct. 11, 1708, and (2d) Mary Newton; settled in Westborough, Mass., where he d. June 26, 1750. His son Jonas, b. Feb. 25, 1718; m. Persis Baker; resided in Westborough, where he d. Sept. 25, 1789. They were the parents of Hannah Brigham, who m. Rev. Halloway Fish, the second pastor of the Congregational Church of Marl. David, son of Jonas, b. March 31, 1762; m. Lucy Harrington of Westborough, and resided there. They were the parents of Hannah, b. 1796, m. Silas Paue of Randolph; and of Halloway, b. 1801. These children were adopted by Rev. Halloway Fish, and resided many years in Marl.

Capt. Samuel Brigham, the youngest son of Thomas, the emigrant, b. Dec. 11, 1652; m. Elizabeth How, and settled in Marl., Mass. His son Jedediah, b. June 8, 1693; m., May 18, 1720, Bethiah How, and settled on the homestead. He d. May 21, 1763. Stephen, son of Jedediah and Bethiah (How) Brigham, m., Jan. 4, 1757, Betsey, dau. of John and Dinah Weeks; settled in Princeton, Mass., where he d. in his 90th year. His son Stephen, b. Aug. 9, 1762; m., Feb. 13, 1791, Louisa Howe, b. May 24, 1768. They resided in Alstead, and had a numerous family, among whom was Aaron, b. Oct. 20, 1797; m., June 25, 1825, Susan K. Proctor, and settled on the homestead in Alstead. In his old age, after the death of his wife, he came to Marl. to reside, where he m., May 1, 1867, Mrs. Elvira (Wallingford) Stone, widow of Calvin Stone. He d. Feb. 16, 1876. His son, Willard P., resides in Marl., and is number 8 in the following register.

1 HALLOWAY BRIGHAM, son of David and Lucy (Harrington) Brigham, was b. in Westborough, Mass., Sept. 2, 1801. He was named for his uncle, the Rev. Halloway Fish, who adopted him when less than two years of age, and brought him up as his own son. He resided on the Fish farm till 1830, when he sold to Luther Wiswall, and removed to Northborough, Mass.; d. March 28, 1869. He m., Aug. 1, 1823, Frances, dau. of Jonathan Reed, preceptor of an academy in Portland, Me. She was b. at Portland, Apr. 27, 1805; now resides a widow in Boston.

2 1. *Jane Putnam*, b. Aug. 29, 1824; m., Apr. 15, 1846, Austin Belknap of Westborough, who now resides in Somerville, Mass., and was mayor of that city in 1875.

- 3 ii. *Hannah Farrar*, b. March 20, 1827; m., Apr. 15,
1847, Calvin French; resides in East Randolph,
Mass.
- 4 iii. *Maria E.*, b. Sept. 22, 1829; um.
- 5 iv. *Lyman M.*, b. Feb. 8, 1836; m., Nov. 22, 1864,
Jennie Moody of Waterbury, Vt.; is a trader at
Essex Junction, Vt.
- 6 v. *Cyrus*, b. Dec. 27, 1838; m., Dec. 6, 1865, Maggie
Evans; resides in Boston.
- 7 vi. *Harriet Frances*, b. Jan. 1, 1842; m., Jan. 1, 1870,
Will E. Bryant; resides in Boston.

8 WILLARD PROCTOR BRIGHAM, son of Aaron and Susan
K. (Proctor) Brigham, b. in Alstead, Aug. 25, 1835;
m., Feb. 5, 1865, Mary J., dau. of Lucius and Cynthia
(Clay) Taft of Keene, b. in Putney, Vt., March 14,
1842. He came to Marl. to reside 1866.

- 9 i. *Albert W.*, b. June 17, 1869.
- 10 ii. *Belle E.*, b. March 31, 1874.

1 KENDALL BRUCE, M.D., was a native of Marl., Mass.,
where he m., 1787, Rebecca, dau. of Solomon and Mary
(Priest) Barnard, b. Aug. 1, 1769. He was in this town
as a practising physician as early as 1793. He resided
on the farm now owned by Ivers L. Richardson until
1795, when he removed to Washington, this State, where
he practised his profession for several years; then to
Peterborough, and thence to Calais, Vt., where he d.
Jan. 12, 1832, æ. 64. His widow d. at Peterborough,
Sept. 10, 1852. The following record of his family is
taken from Smith's History of Peterborough:—

- 2 i. *Luther*, d. um.
- 3 ii. *Peter*, b. Jan. 30, 1790; m., Dec. 27, 1815, Eliza
French; d. in Peterborough, March 1, 1850.
- 4 iii. *Jerusha*, m. Hollis Bruce.
- 5 iv. *Kendall*, m. Nancy Carr; d. in Plainfield, Vt.,
1866.
- 6 v. *William*, m. Lydia Carr; settled in Worcester, Vt.
- 7 vi. *Louis*, d. Oct. 4, 1861, æ. 63.
- 8 vii. *Solomon*.
- 9 viii. *Benard*, probably lost at sea.

- 1 SALMON BUCKMINSTER of Roxbury m., Nov. 23, 1826,
Betsey, dau. of John and Polly (Wright) Converse, who
d. July 17, 1840; and he m. (2d), March 30, 1841,
Belinda, dau. of Samuel and Abigail (Merriam) Jones.
He resided in Marl. till about 1841. He was residing in
St. Louis, Mo., when last heard from. Children by first
wife:—

- 2 I. *George Harvey*, b. July 12, 1827.
- 3 II. *Orville*, b. Jan. 14, 1829.
- 4 III. *Harriet E.*, b. May 31, 1831.
- 5 IV. *Joseph*, b. May 10, 1838.
- 6 V. *Orman*, b. Apr. 23, 1840.

1 JOHN BUSS, son of John and Eunice Buss, was b. in Lancaster, Mass., Jan. 3, 1737; m., in Lunenburg, Jan. 1, 1767, Mary Wood. He was residing in Fitchburg in 1766, in which year he was chosen to the office of surveyor of hoops and staves, and was also one of the fire wards of that town for several years. He came to Marl. in 1778, and settled on the farm still known as the Buss place, situated east of the Henry T. Wiswall farm. We find no record of his death. His widow d. in 1837, æ. 90.

- 2 I. *Zephaniah*, b. in Fitchburg, Oct. 26, 1767; probably settled in Vermont.
- 3 II. *John*, b. in Fitchburg, May 6, 1770; d. about 1794.
- 4 III. *Silas*, b. in Fitchburg, Jan. 20, 1773.
- 5 IV. *David*, b. in Fitchburg, Feb., 1775.+
- 6 V. *Daniel*, b. in Fitchburg, March 30, 1778.+
- 7 VI. *Mary*, b. in Marl., July 27, 1781; m., 1804, John Jones of Dublin; settled in Marlow, where she d. Dec. 19, 1859.
- 8 VII. *Pamela*, b. in Marl., June 30, 1788; m., May 8, 1808, Thomas Howard, Jr.; moved to Marlow; d. Nov. 8, 1857.
- 9 VIII. *Eunice*, b. in Marl., Nov. 23, 1790; m. Ziba Nason, *q.v.*

(5) DAVID BUSS, son of John, m., Nov. 2, 1803, Anna, dau. of Samuel and Anna (Gates) Jones of Dublin, b. Jan., 1779; removed to Marlow in 1808, where he d. Jan., 1845. His widow d. March, 1854.

- 10 I. *Mary*, b. July, 1804; resides in Alstead.
- 11 II. *Samuel*, b. March, 1806; resides in Marlow.
- 12 III. *David*, b. July, 1808; resides in Acworth.
- 13 IV. *Eliza Ann*, b. July, 1810; resides in Alstead.
- 14 V. *Eunice A.*, b. Apr., 1813; resided in Marlow; d. March, 1876.
- 15 VI. *Daniel*, b. Apr., 1815; resided for many years in Keene.
- 16 VII. *Elisha*, b. Aug., 1817; resides in Marlow.
- 17 VIII. *Anna G.*, b. Jan., 1820; resides in Claremont.

(6) DANIEL BUSS, son of John, m., Dec. 10, 1806, Tabitha, dau. of Samuel and Deborah (Sylvester) Sargent; set-

- tled on the home farm; d. July 12, 1842. His widow d. Feb. 25, 1857.
- 18 I. *Stillman*, b. Sept. 14, 1808.†
19 II. *Harriet*, b. Aug. 31, 1810; d. Jan. 31, 1816.
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- (18) STILLMAN BUSS, son of Daniel, m., 1835, Mary W., dau. of Charles and Polly (Converse) Holman. He was one of the leading men in town, and for many years the proprietor of the grist-mill in Lowellville. He d. Aug. 31, 1862. His widow now resides at Boston Highlands.
- 20 I. *Levi H.*, b. Apr. 22, 1836; d. May 31, 1849.
21 II. *Harriet A.*, b. May 20, 1841; resides in Boston, um.
22 III. *Emma M.*, b. Aug. 14, 1855; m. Thomas Sargent; resides at Boston Highlands.
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- 23 JOHN BUSS, son of John, Jr., b. Nov. 24, 1794; m., Nov. 24, 1816, Lovisa, dau. of John and Polly (Wright) Converse; settled on the place now owned by Thaddeus Metcalf, where he d. Aug. 29, 1857. His widow d. Oct. 30, 1876.
- 24 I. *Harriet*, b. Feb. 13, 1818; d. Sept. 27, 1819.
25 II. *Charles*, b. Sept. 21, 1820.†
26 III. *Fannie*, b. Jan. 11, 1822; m., May 5, 1846, Ira P. Smith of Pottersville, who d. Apr. 10, 1877; and she m. (2d), Nov. 27, 1879, Caleb Goodnow; resides in Keene.
27 IV. *Mary L.*, b. Feb. 15, 1824; m., Nov. 28, 1843, Caleb Goodnow of Sullivan; d. in Keene, Jan. 30, 1878.
28 V. *Eliza H.*, b. March 7, 1831; m. Thaddeus Metcalf, *q.v.*
29 VI. *Lydia M.*, b. May 13, 1834; m. Albert S. Bigelow, *q.v.*
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- (25) CHARLES BUSS, son of John, m., Feb. 25, 1845, Jane A., dau. of Allen and Lydia (Knight) Woodward. He carried on the machinist business in Marl. until 1877, when he removed to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he now resides (see Chap. X.).
- 30 I. *George Franklin*, b. May 30, 1847; m., Nov. 3, 1867, Clara E. Weeks; resides at Grand Rapids, Mich.; engaged in the machinist business.
31 1. Waldo Everett, b. in Marl., June 7, 1869.
32 2. Gertrude Inez, b. in Marl., Oct. 18, 1872.
33 II. *Henry C.*, b. May 15, 1851; m., Sept. 21, 1871, Sarah R. Bryant; resides in Grand Rapids, Mich.

- 34 1. Mary Adelle, b. in Marl., Oct. 2, 1872.
 35 2. Leston Elbert, b. in Marl., Nov. 27, 1874.
 36 3. Grace Lillian, b. Jan. 1, 1877.
 37 III. *Edwards Park*, b. Oct. 11, 1853; m., Feb. 24,
 1874, Rebecca E. Hetherington of Keene; is a
 machinist, in company with his brother George
 at Grand Rapids, Mich.
 38 IV. *Wendall Rawson*, b. May 11, 1859.
 39 V. *Florence Antoinette*, b. Apr. 22, 1864.

1 SIMEON BUTLER came from Bolton, Mass., about 1805.
 He was killed, March 1, 1822, by falling from the scaf-
 fold in his barn. By wife Lucy, he had the following
 children:—

- 2 I. *Jefferson*, b. Feb. 26, 1803.
 3 II. *Julia*, b. Sept. 7, 1804; m. Asa Butler, *q.v.*
 4 III. *Lucy*, b. Dec. 14, 1806.
 5 IV. *Anna*, b. Apr. 9, 1809.
 6 V. *Simeon*, b. Jan. 16, 1814.
 7 VI. *Emerson*, b. Nov. 18, 1818.

8 JOSEPH BUTLER, a brother of Simeon, b. probably in
 Bolton, Mass., June 2, 1767; m. Parna Temple, b. Nov.
 22, 1770, d. in Troy, May 22, 1832. He settled first in
 Bolton; came to Marl. about 1806, and located in the
 south-east part of the town,—now Troy,—and, after
 residing there several years, removed to the farm since
 owned by Moses Putney; d. March 28, 1844.

- 9 I. *Betsey*, b. Sept. 28, 1791; m. Elias Mann; d. in
 Jaffrey.
 10 II. *Amos*, b. Dec. 13, 1793.†
 11 III. *Joseph*, b. March 10, 1794; m. Polly Mason of
 Swanzey.
 12 IV. *Olive*, b. Oct. 11, 1795; m. Simon Butler, *q.v.*
 13 V. *Abigail*, b. June 3, 1798; m. Levi Daggett.
 14 VI. *Lucy*, b. June 3, 1800; m. Elijah Bemis, who d.
 in Troy, 1852.
 15 VII. *Asa*, b. June 15, 1802.†
 16 VIII. *Jabez*, b. Nov. 14, 1803.†
 17 IX. *Levi*, b. July 7, 1809; m., Nov. 11, 1827, Saphire
 Sargent of Lancaster; removed to Oxford,
 Mass.

(10) AMOS BUTLER, son of Joseph, m. Mary Sargent, b. in
 Lancaster, Mass., Dec. 13, 1801; came to Marl. in 1820,
 where they resided until 1834; subsequently removed to
 Plymouth, Vt., where he d. March 19, 1862.

- 18 i. *Hampleton Erwin*, b. in Lancaster, May 9, 1817; m., Dec., 1855, Mary Williams of Reading, Vt. He was a machinist; d. in Plymouth, Vt., in 1865.
- 19 ii. *Amos Orson*, b. in Troy, Aug. 28, 1818; d. in Shrewsbury, Mass., July 28, 1829.
- 20 iii. *Elmira*, b. in Troy, Feb. 16, 1820; m., 1840, Amos W. Dike. She d. in Plymouth, Vt., Dec. 8, 1844.
- 21 iv. *Cordelia*, b. in Marl., Dec. 10, 1822; d. in Plymouth, Vt., Dec. 8, 1869.
- 22 v. *George Appleton*, b. in Marl., March 22, 1825; d. Sept. 28, 1826.
- 23 vi. *Susan Abigail*, b. in Marl., Apr. 14, 1827; m., Oct. 4, 1854, David Boyd, formerly of Antrim; resides in Plymouth, Vt.
- 24 vii. *Stephen Merrick*, b. in Shrewsbury, Mass., Feb. 21, 1831; m., Oct. 29, 1860, Ellen A. Williams, who d. Nov., 1874.
- 25 viii. *Frederick Austin*, b. in Lancaster, Mass., March 11, 1834; m., March 26, 1860, Julia Pollard of Bridgewater, Vt.; is a carpenter; resides in Plymouth. He has a son who, at four years of age, weighed one hundred pounds, and could lift as much.
- 26 ix. *S. M. Webster*, b. in Lancaster, Mass., Dec. 27, 1836; resides in Plymouth, Vt.
- 27 x. *Fitzcharlan II.*, b. in Plymouth, Vt., Feb. 4, 1840; m., Feb. 4, 1863, Angie Johnson of Plymouth; removed to Stratton, Vt., where he was ordained a Freewill Baptist minister, Dec. 12, 1865.
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- (15) ASA BUTLER, son of Joseph, m., Apr. 2, 1826, Julia, dau. of Simeon and Lucy Butler; resides in St. Augustine, Ill.
- 28 i. *Eli II.*, b. July 7, 1827; resides in Worcester, Mass.
- 29 ii. *Fannie*, b. Apr. 8, 1833; m. A. O. Wheeler of Troy; resides in Illinois.
- 30 iii. *Mary*, b. Aug. 22, 1834; m. Nathaniel Bourn of Richmond; resides in Illinois.
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- (16) JABEZ BUTLER, son of Joseph, m. Betsey Boyden of Chesterfield. She d., and he m. (2d) Mary A., dau. of Luke and Polly (Whitney) Harris, b. in Troy, Oct. 30, 1813; resides in Plymouth, Vt. Children by first wife:—
- 31 i. *Otis P.*, resides in Rindge,

- 32 ii. *Jason*, d. young.
 33 iii. *Ambrose*, served in the U.S. army; since d.
 34 iv. *Angie*, m. W. Guild of Shrewsbury, Vt.
 35 v. *Omar D.*, d. in U.S. service.

36 SIMON BUTLER, a native of Lancaster, Mass., m., March 5, 1817, Olive, dau. of Joseph and Parna (Temple) Butler; resided in Marl. and Troy; d. March 20, 1869. His wife d. Jan. 8, 1860.

37 i. *Lovell Parker*, b. Nov. 14, 1817; resides in Troy, um.

38 ii. *Simon Oliver*, b. March 30, 1819. +

39 iii. *Algernon Sidney*, b. Sept. 23, 1822; m., March 4, 1847, Harriet Goddard of Rindge; she d. May 22, 1861; m. (2d) Mary Darling; resides in Jaffrey.

40 iv. *Charles*, b. Jan. 25, 1826; m. Sarah P. Haskell, who d. Sept. 13, 1856; and he m. (2d), Nov. 19, 1857, Maria L. Haskell; resides in Worcester, Mass.

41 v. *Ira Melvin Broad*, b. Dec. 5, 1829; m., Sept. 25, 1854, Eliza J. White of Fitzwilliam. She d. Aug. 29, 1867; and he m. (2d), March 29, 1869, Rebecca Jane Ross of Dublin. She d. May 28, 1873; m. (3d), Aug. 19, 1873, Louisa Wilder of Winchendon; resides in Troy.

42 vi. *Mary Jane*, b. Nov. 9, 1835; m. Edward F. Starkey, who d.; and she m. (2d) — Dickerman.

(38) SIMON OLIVER BUTLER, son of Simon, m., Apr. 12, 1854, Ruth E. Haskell of Oakham, Mass. He moved from Troy to Marl., March 2, 1858, and resided on the Bezaleel Baker farm. Apr. 1, 1861, he removed to Holden, Mass., and thence to Oakham, where he now resides.

43 i. *Clara P.*, b. in Troy, June 7, 1856; d. Feb. 8, 1857.

44 ii. *Henry N.*, b. in Marl., May 27, 1858.

45 iii. *Olive Maria*, b. in Marl., Dec. 19, 1859.

46 iv. *George S.*, b. in Oakham, Dec. 4, 1863.

47 v. *Sarah E. N.*, b. in Oakham, Oct. 5, 1867.

1 ERASMUS BUTTERFIELD from Chesterfield came to Marl. about 1800; m., July 17, 1803, Esther, dau. of Phillips and Persis (Joslin) Sweetser. He is said to have been educated for a lawyer; but, being of indolent habits, he chose rather to gain a livelihood by other means than his profession. He d. in Westmoreland, Dec. 31, 1828.

- 2 I. *Maria*, b. in Marl., Oct. 2, 1803.
 3 II. *Charles Sweetser*, b. in Fitzwilliam, Jan. 6, 1806;
 d. March 5, 1808.
 4 III. *Harriet*, b. in Fitzwilliam, June 28, 1808.
 5 IV. *Sally Sweetser*, b. in Marl., Aug. 20, 1810.
 6 V. *John*, b. in Keene, Sept. 6, 1812.
 7 VI. *George W.*, b. in Marl., Oct. 8, 1814; m., June 4,
 1848, Pamela King. He d. Apr. 29, 1867.
 8 VII. *Charles*, b. in Marl., March 27, 1816; d. March,
 1867.
 9 VIII. *Fannie*, b. in Marl., Feb. 11, 1820.
 10 IX. *Eveline*, b. in Marl., March 30, 1825.

1 DANIEL BUTTRICK, son of Daniel and Eunice But-
 trick, was b. in Winchendon, Jan. 23, 1783; m., Dec. 23,
 1810, Mary, dau. of William Knight of Fitzwilliam;
 came to Marl. about 1819, and for several years tended
 the toll-gate on the south turnpike. In 1831, he removed
 to Troy, where he d. March 31, 1860. His widow d.
 Oct. 7, 1879, æ. 90.

- 2 I. *Eunice*, b. Sept. 26, 1811; m. Stillman Wood-
 ward, *q.v.*
 3 II. *Edwin*, b. June 18, 1813; m., March 31, 1835,
 Lucy Wetherbee of Swanzey; resides in Troy;
 is a manufacturer of tubs and pails.
 4 III. *Daniel*, b. Oct. 4, 1814; d. March 25, 1815.
 5 IV. *Mary Ann*, b. Jan. 11, 1816; m., Nov. 9, 1837,
 Alton Blodgett; resides, a widow, in Fitchburg.
 6 V. *Martha C.*, b. Jan. 18, 1818; m., Feb. 15,
 1837, Osgood Colleston, who d. Feb. 28,
 1873; and she m. (2d) Lucius Aldrich;
 resides in Fitchburg.
 7 VI. Twins. *Maria K.*, b. Jan. 18, 1818; m., Feb. 16,
 1837, Harrington Sibley of Troy; re-
 sides in Fitchburg.
 8 VII. *Lydia R.*, b. Feb. 4, 1820; m. Walter Hayward;
 resides in Fitchburg.

1 CHARLES H. CALDWELL, b. in Woburn, Mass., May 10,
 1848; m., Feb. 7, 1871, Frances C. Wyman, a native of
 Webster, Me. He removed from Lynn, Mass., to Marl.,
 where he now resides.

- 2 I. *Alice B.*, b. in Lynn, Dec. 6, 1871.
 3 II. *Lila May*, b. in Lynn, Apr. 12, 1874.

CAPRON.

The numerous families in New England bearing the name of Capron,
 are the descendants of Banfield Capron, who is supposed to have been a

native of Chester, a large seaport town in the north of England. We have not learned the precise time of his immigration to this country, but it was not far from 1660, when he and three other youths, each about fourteen years of age, mutually agreed to leave their native land and go to America. They knew of a ship that was going to New England; and the night before it sailed they privately concealed themselves in the hold of the vessel, with a small quantity of provisions to live on a few days. The vessel sailed the next morning. When they had been to sea a few days, a strange noise was heard in the hold: the hatchways were opened, and these four lads came on deck, to the surprise of all the ship's crew. The captain said he must return with them, for it was against the law for the captain of a vessel to transport any of the inhabitants of England to America, except they obtained license to go there. But both of the mates and all the ship's crew thought it best to proceed, and the captain finally fell in with their opinion, and brought them all safe to New England. Soon after young Capron's arrival in this country, a family by the name of Callender, with whom he was acquainted in England, came over and settled in Rehoboth, Mass. They are said to have been a very respectable family, and in affluent circumstances. Young Capron renewed his acquaintance with them, and afterwards married one of the daughters, and settled in the adjoining town of Barrington, where he lived about twenty years, and then removed to Attleborough, where he resided till his death, which took place, Aug. 20, 1752, being nearly ninety years old. He is described as being of medium stature, well built, of a light complexion, blue eyes, and reddish hair. He was thrice married, and had twelve children, eleven of whom lived to marry and have families: Banfield, Joseph, Edward, Walter, John, Jonathan, Betsey, Mary, Hannah, Margaret, Sarah, and a daughter who died young. Jonathan was b. March 11, 1705; he m. Rebecca Morse, who d. Aug. 29, 1772. He was a farmer, and resided with his father at Attleborough.

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| 1 | JONATHAN CAPRON, second son of Jonathan and Rebecca (Morse) Capron, m. Alice Alden, b. July 12, 1733. She was a great-granddaughter of Hon. John and Priscilla (Mullens) Alden, who came over in the "Mayflower." He came to Marl. at an early date, and settled on the farm afterwards owned by Benjamin Whitney. |
| 2 | I. <i>Jonathan</i> . † |
| 3 | II. <i>Thankful</i> , b. June 12, 1762; published to Joseph Fullum. |
| 4 | III. <i>Margaret</i> , b. June 13, 1764; m. Levi Porter, <i>q.v.</i> |
| 5 | IV. <i>Walter</i> , b. March 6, 1766. † |
| 6 | V. <i>Charles</i> , b. Feb. 24, 1768. |
| 7 | VI. <i>David</i> , b. Apr. 19, 1770. |
| 8 | VII. <i>John</i> , b. March 2, 1772. |
| 9 | VIII. <i>Putnam</i> , b. Aug. 8, 1774. |
| 10 | IX. <i>Rebecca</i> , b. Aug. 23, 1777. |
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- (2) JONATHAN CAPRON, son of Jonathan, m. Lois Porter, a sister of Joel and Asa Porter. Settled on the farm now owned by George A. Porter. His house stood at the fork of the roads south-easterly of the present buildings. He afterwards removed to Troy, where he worked

at his trade — blacksmithing — some ten or fifteen years, and then went to Vermont.

- 11 I. *Zeruah*, b. Apr. 16, 1781; m. (1st) Amasa Converse, *q.v.*, (2d) Enoch White, *q.v.*
 12 II. *Eli*, b. Jan. 14, 1783.
 13 III. *Lois*, b. Nov. 17, 1784; m. Josiah Ingalls of Fitzwilliam; d. March 20, 1855.
 14 IV. *Stephen*.
 15 V. *Cyrus*.
 16 VI. *Sarah*, m. John Peak.
 17 VII. *Alice*, m. Shubael Plympton.
 18 VIII. *Hannah*, m. — Martin.
 19 IX. *Nancy*.
 20 X. *Philinda*.
 21 XI. *Jonathan*.
 22 XII. *Patience*, m. — Chapin.

- (5) WALTER CAPRON, son of Jonathan and Alice (Alden) Capron, m. Hannah Hemenway of Framingham, Mass., b. Nov. 20, 1769. He was a blacksmith, and resided for many years in the house which formerly stood a little south of the "old meeting-house," and since owned by Nathan E. Wild. In his old age, he removed to Roxbury to live with his son, where he d. Jan. 31, 1836. His widow d. Jan., 1852.

- 23 I. *Polly*, b. Sept. 9, 1791; m., Oct. 24, 1810, Joseph B. Andrews of Jaffrey; removed to Ohio.
 24 II. *Walter*, b. July 30, 1795. +
 25 III. *Curtis*, b. July 27, 1797; d. Nov. 30, 1820, um.
 25 IV. *Rebecca*, b. July 23, 1801; d. in Roxbury, Jan. 3, 1849, um.
 27 V. *Caroline*, b. May 23, 1807; d. Nov. 29, 1807.

- (24) WALTER CAPRON, son of Walter, m., March 20, 1822, Lucy Parker of Keene, b. Apr. 20, 1801. He resided for many years in Roxbury, on what is known as the Capron place. In his old age, he returned to Marl., and resided on the place now owned by his son Curtis, where he d. Nov. 22, 1866. His widow d. July 23, 1872.

- 28 I. *Curtis W.*, b. in Roxbury, March 8, 1822. +
 29 II. *Charles W.*, b. in Roxbury, Feb. 8, 1827. +
 30 III. *Caroline M.*, b. in Roxbury, June 30, 1830; resides in Marl., um.

- (28) CURTIS W. CAPRON, son of Walter, m., May 7, 1845, Emeline B., dau. of Levi and Hannah (White) Thatcher.

- 31 I. *Emma A.*, b. July 16, 1846; m., March 16, 1865,
Edwin Fogg; resides in Concord.
- 32 II. *Charles E.*, b. Aug. 5, 1848; m., Nov. 2, 1868,
Emma A. Mabury; resides in Bellows Falls,
Vt.
- 33 III. *Flora L.*, b. June 28, 1852; m., March 16, 1870,
Charles M. Fairbanks.
- 34 IV. *Jennie A.*, b. Aug. 22, 1858; m., Sept. 3, 1878,
Willie A. Russell.
- 35 V. *Cora M.*, b. in Springfield, Mass., Jan. 8, 1870.
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- (29) CHARLES W. CAPRON, son of Walter, m., Nov. 13,
1849, Aurelia H., dau. of Levi and Hannah (White)
Thatcher. Settled on the Thatcher farm, where he now
resides.
- 36 I. *Maria A.*, b. June 28, 1852; m., Jan. 20, 1873,
Henry H. Pease.
- 37 I. Charles Henry, b. Sept. 18, 1875.
- 38 II. *Ellen C.*, b. July 28, 1857; m., Oct. 23, 1876, Ed-
ward B. Holt.
- 39 III. *Lizzie M.*, b. Oct. 12, 1859; d. Jan. 11, 1860.
- 40 IV. *George L.*, b. May 3, 1866.
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- 1 DAVIS CARPENTER, son of Willard and Serepta
(Smith) Carpenter, b. in Surry, Oct. 17, 1827; m., June
6, 1849, Livonia, dau. of Capt. Benjamin and Martha
(Chapin) Ware. He came to Marl. to reside, Sept.,
1876.
- 2 I. *Martha Adelaide*, b. in Surry, Nov. 17, 1859; m.,
Nov. 3, 1873, William Swithin of Quincy,
Mass. She d. in Keene, Dec. 3, 1874.
- 3 II. *Amy M.*, b. in Surry, June 13, 1855; m., Jan. 19,
1877, Frank L. Adams; resides in Winchester.
- 4 III. *Mary Emma*, b. in Surry, Jan., 1857; d. Apr. 12,
1858.
- 5 IV. *Charles Edward*, b. in Surry, Oct. 6, 1859.
- 6 V. *James Henry*, b. in Surry, Aug. 12, 1862; d. in
Keene, June 14, 1865.
- 7 VI. *Johnie A.*, b. in Keene, May, 1865; d. Sept. 15,
1867.
- 8 VII. *Ida May*, b. in Keene, Sept. 1, 1867.
- 9 VIII. *Arthur Willie*, b. in Keene, Dec. 25, 1870;
drowned July 25, 1879.
- 10 IX. *Walter*, b. in Keene, July 29, 1873; d. Sept.,
1872.
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- 1 OLIVER CARTER came to Marl. to reside about 1808,
and lived in a small house which formerly stood near

the brick one since owned by Christopher Totten. Having found no record of his family, we have been obliged to rely on the memory of such elderly people as remember them. By his first wife he had

- 2 I. *Oliver*.
- 3 II. *Priscilla*.
- 4 III. *Betsey*, m. Andrew Allison of Dublin.
- 5 IV. *Joseph*, d. young.
- 6 V. *David*.+

By a second wife, who d. June 9, 1816, he had

- 7 VI. *Joseph*, m., Feb. 9, 1800, Rebecca, dau. of Joseph and Martha (Adams) Wellington.
- 8 VII. *Phebe*.
- 9 VIII. *Nancy*.
- 10 IX. *William*, m., Aug. 23, 1812, Mary, dau. of Phillips and Persis (Joslin) Sweetser.
- 11 X. *Sally*, m. Ezra Emmerson, *q.v.*

- (6) DAVID CARTER, M.D., son of Oliver, settled in Marl. in 1795; m. Betsey, dau. of Samuel and Alice (Wilson) Twitchell of Dublin, and a sister of the late Dr. Amos Twitchell of Keene. She was b. in Dublin, Apr. 18, 1773; d. Jan. 20, 1853. He removed to Peterboro in 1812, and thence to Dublin in 1820, where he d. Jan. 9, 1828 (see Chap. XII).

- 12 I. *Eliza*, b. March 5, 1792; d. in Keene, um.

- 1 MARTIN CHASE, son of Stickney and Esther M. Chase, b. in Unity, July 11, 1806; m., June 19, 1832, Betsey, dau. of Dr. Nathan and Betsey Wright, b. in Washington, N.H., Oct. 8, 1808. At the age of 14 he commenced to serve an apprenticeship at the boot and shoe trade, which business he followed over thirty years. He resided in Washington from 1830 to 1869, at which time he came to Marl. During his residence in Washington, he held the office of town clerk fourteen years, and was, for a number of years, one of the selectmen, collector, and treasurer of the town; he also represented that town in the Legislature in 1837, 1839, and 1840; was county treasurer two years, and road-commissioner for the County of Sullivan two years. May 12, 1853, he was appointed one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas, which office he held till the Court was abolished. He was appointed justice of the peace in 1837, and justice of the peace and quorum throughout the State in 1853, which office he still holds.

- 2 i. *Helen*, b. in Washington, July 22, 1835; um.
 3 ii. *Caroline*, b. in Washington, Oct. 27, 1840; m.,
 Nov. 24, 1863, George L. Fairbanks, b. in
 Springfield, Vt., Jan. 6, 1840.
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- 4 ALVIN B. CHASE, son of Loren and Eliza (Bolton)
 Chase, b. in Royalston, Mass., Feb. 7, 1836; m., Nov.
 22, 1852, Sarah Burnett, b. in Wendall, Oct. 13, 1835.
 He was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, being a
 member of Co. B, 53d Regt., Mass. Vols.; he also
 served in the 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery. He came to
 Marl. to reside, in the spring of 1876.
- 5 i. *Sylvanus Eugene*, b. in Orange, Mass., Nov. 12,
 1853; d. Oct. 12, 1855.
- 6 ii. *Emma Jane*, b. in West Fitchburg, June 1, 1856.
- 7 iii. *Adah Florence*, b. in West Fitchburg, Sept. 28,
 1858; m., Apr. 17, 1878, Edward L. Hardy of
 West Harrisville.
- 8 iv. *Sarah Nellie*, b. in Fitchburg, Jan. 21, 1860; m.,
 Jan. 28, 1880, George F. Clapp; resides in Or-
 ange, Mass.
- 9 v. *Effie Estella*, b. in Fitchburg, Oct. 28, 1864.
- 10 vi. *Cora Mabel*, b. in South Keene, May 14, 1867.
- 11 vii. *Clarence Adolphus*, b. in South Keene, July 28,
 1871.
- 12 viii. *Loren Bertie*, b. in South Keene, Jan. 23, 1874.

- 1 JOHN CHEEVER, b. in Wrentham, Mass., 1777; m.,
 Sept. 24, 1806, Dolly, dau. of Capt. David and Rebecca
 (Hoar) Wheeler. In 1808, he removed to Newton Up-
 per Falls, where he d. in 1855.
- 2 i. *Lyman*, b. 1807; m. Lucy Gardner; she d., and
 he m. (2d) Charlotte Denning; resides in New-
 ton Upper Falls.
- 3 ii. *Elvira*, b. 1808; m. Stillman Twitchell; resides
 in Lowell, Mass.
- 4 iii. *Warren*, b. 1810; resides in the West.
- 5 iv. *Miranda*, b. 1812; resides in Newton Upper
 Falls.

- 1 STEPHEN CHURCH was in town as early as 1770. He
 appears to have been a man of much influence in the
 township, and was for some time proprietor's clerk.
 His writing, which is in a fair, bold hand, shows him to
 have been a man of some education. Being a carpenter
 by trade, he was employed to take charge of the framing
 and raising of the old meeting-house. The eastern part
 of the house now owned by Ivory E. Gates was also

framed by him, and is probably all that remains of his work in town. He is not mentioned on the town records after 1776.

CLAPP.

THOMAS CLAPP, son of Richard Clapp, was b. in Dorchester, England, 1597. He came to this country in a ship which arrived July 24, 1633, and settled in Dorchester, Mass. He afterwards resided at Weymouth and Scituate. At the latter place, he was deacon of the church in 1647. His wife was Abigail ———. Their eldest son, Thomas, b. in Weymouth, March 15, 1639; m., Nov. 10, 1662, Mary Fisher, and settled in that part of Dedham afterwards incorporated as Walpole. Joshua, the third son of Thomas and Mary (Fisher) Clapp, b. in Walpole, 1667; m. Mary, dau. of Jonathan Boyden of Walpole, where he resided till his death in 1728. Joshua, eldest son of Joshua, b. 1707; d. May 6, 1802. He m., Dec. 12, 1728, Abigail Bullard, who d. Aug. 12, 1782. Their eldest son, Joshua, b. Sept. 7, 1729, m. Margaret Guild, and settled in Walpole, Mass.

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| 1 | ASA CLAPP, son of Joshua and Margaret (Guild) Clapp, b. in Walpole, Mass., March 26, 1763; m., Sept. 16, 1790, Esther Allen, b. in Walpole, Mass., Dec. 16, 1771. He came to Marl. about 1798, and settled in the north-easterly part of the town, near what is now known as the "Clapp pond." He d. March 31, 1840; his wife d. May 29, 1839. |
| 2 | I. <i>Allen</i> , b. in Walpole, Mass., Apr. 28, 1794.+ |
| 3 | II. <i>Asa</i> , b. in Marl., Feb. 11, 1801; m., May 5, 1825. Delina Bullard, who d. in Walpole, Mass., Nov. 25, 1872. He now resides in Norwood, Mass. |
| 4 | 1. Harriet, b. in Roxbury, Mass., July 10, 1827; m. Charles Robertson, resides in Walpole, Mass. |
| 5 | 2. Frances, b. Dec. 1, 1829; m. William Allen; resided in West Dedham; d. about 1860. |
| 6 | 3. Asa Elbridge, b. June 22, 1834; m. Elizabeth Annis of Morrill, Me.; resides in Norwood, Mass. |
| 7 | 4. George A., b. May 7, 1838; d. Feb. 24, 1850. |
| 8 | III. <i>Franklin</i> , b. in Marl., June 17, 1805.+ |
| 9 | IV. <i>Daniel</i> , b. in Marl., July 16, 1810; m. Fannie Snell of Roxbury, Mass.; d. July 31, 1846. |
| (2) | ALLEN CLAPP, son of Asa, m., Feb. 10, 1819, Hannah Newcomb of Roxbury; settled on home farm; d. Feb. 9, 1837. His widow d. March 26, 1846. |
| 10 | I. <i>John Newcomb</i> , b. Nov. 27, 1819; d. Jan. 4, 1834. |

- 11 ii. *Esther*, b. Sept. 1, 1822; m. Matthew Barr; resides in Nashua.
- 12 iii. *Lura N.*, b. July 8, 1825; m. Edwin Piper of Nashua; d. 1873.
- 13 iv. *Lydia B.*, b. March 5, 1828; m., Jan. 1, 1861, Elbridge Cummings; resides in Fitzwilliam.
- 14 v. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 17, 1830; m. — Fisher; resides in Manchester.
- 15 vi. *Allen Newcomb*, b. Jan. 2, 1837; m. Josie M. Mason, dau. of Ashley Mason of Sullivan; resides in Manchester.
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- (8) FRANKLIN CLAPP, son of Asa, m. Roxanna, dau. of Archie and Susannah (Jones) Tenney. Settled on that part of home farm since owned by Abraham Corey. He d. March 13, 1854. His wife d. Apr. 29, 1853.
- 16 i. *Sabrina R.*, b. May 31, 1830; m. (1st) William Guild, who d. in Worcester, Mass., Sept. 18, 1855; and she m. (2d) William Dort of Keene.
- 17 ii. *Charles A.*, b. Sept. 27, 1831; m. Eugenia M. Smith of Fitzwilliam.
- 18 1. George F., b. Dec. 30, 1854; m., Jan. 28, 1880, Sarah Nellie, dau. of Alvin B. and Sarah (Burnett) Chase; resides in Orange, Mass.
- 19 iii. *William M.*, b. Dec. 25, 1832; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Silas and Achsah (Holman) McCollester; she d. May 7, 1864, and he m. (2d), Jan. 9, 1879, Sarah M. Bryson of Watsontown, Pa.; resides in Keene.
- 20 iv. *Elmer Augustus*, b. Aug. 15, 1835. He went to California when twenty years of age; remained there about three years, and thence to Chili, where he m. Damiana Corasco, a Spanish lady. He has had four children, one of whom, William, is now living in Valparaiso.
- 21 v. *Maria S.*, b. July 21, 1839; m. Solon W. Stone, *q.v.*

CLARK.

THOMAS CLARK, from Wrentham, Mass., settled in Fitzwilliam in 1779; d. 1818, at an advanced age. He had seven children. Thomas, the second son, m., 1801, Roena Phillips of Richmond; he d. in Troy, Oct. 14, 1856. His wife d. 1857. Johnathan, youngest son of Thomas Clark of Fitzwilliam, b. June 3, 1788; m., 1812, Mary, dau. of James and Mary Brewer. He resided in Keene some twelve years, and then removed to Troy, where he d. Aug. 20, 1850. Asa, eldest son of Johnathan and Mary (Brewer) Clark, b. Sept. 4, 1814; m., 1837, Martha Howe of Fitzwilliam; resided for many years in Swanzey; now resides in Oregon City, Oregon. His son, Warren H., resides in Marl., and is number 6 in the following register.

- 1 FULLER CLARK, son of Thomas and Roena (Phillips) Clark, b. Oct. 26, 1804; came to Marl. in 1825, and m., Feb., 1830, Adaline, dau. of Asa and Eunice (Williams) Porter; settled on the Porter farm where he still resides. Mrs. Clark d. Feb. 9, 1876.
- 2 I. *Asa Lovell*, b. Aug. 2, 1831; d. Dec. 27, 1854; um.
 3 II. *Josephine E.*, b. Dec. 25, 1834; um.
 4 III. *Charles L.*, b. Feb. 9, 1839; m., Dec. 2, 1863, Mary E., dau. of George V. R. and Nancy V. (Webb) Farnum. She d. Apr. 17, 1864; and he m. (2d), Jan. 9, 1868, Ellen L., dau. of John E. Whitney, b. in Westminster, Mass., Oct. 26, 1847; resides in Dublin.
- 5 IV. *Alfred F.*, b. March 9, 1845; um.
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- 6 WARREN H. CLARK, son of Asa and Martha (Howe) Clark, b. in Fitzwilliam, June 23, 1844; m., Feb. 27, 1870, Fannie M. Wentworth, b. in Holliston, Mass., Oct. 8, 1851.
- 7 I. *Harry E.*, b. Sept. 24, 1871.
 8 II. *Kate E.*, b. July 27, 1876.
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- 1 JOHN P. CLEMONS, son of John L. and Joannah (Richardson) Clemons, b. in Hiram, Me., Oct. 13, 1850; came to Marl. to reside in 1872; m., May 29, 1873, Martha E., dau. of Frederick and Sarah Hannaford, b. at Cape Elizabeth, Me., June 1, 1853. Is by trade a blacksmith.
- 2 I. *Lillian*, b. Dec. 16, 1874.
 3 II. *Della*, b. Jan. 9, 1877.
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- 1 ANDREW COLBURN, probably from Chesterfield, came into the township about 1770. He seems to have been an active business man, and was not long in gaining the respect and confidence of the proprietors. He was frequently moderator of their meetings, and served on various committees for laying out roads, providing preaching, etc., etc. At the commencement of the Revolution, he entered the army, rose to the rank of Lieut.-Col., and was killed at the battle of Stillwater. No record of his family has been found.
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- 1 LIEUT. JOSEPH COLLINS came to this town in 1767. He is supposed to be a descendant of Henry Collins, who was b. in England in the year 1606; came to America in the ship "Abigail" of London, 1635, and settled in that part of Lynn now called Essex St. Joseph was probably b. in Southborough, Mass., June 9, 1726; m., May

29, 1749, Eunice Matthews, b. Oct. 10, 1730. He came from Southborough to Marl. on foot, taking with him three sons, and provisions for a limited time. Tradition says that each brought a pack on his back of as many pounds weight as he was years old. He settled first on the old Simeon Whitecomb place, near the pine woods, on the old road leading past the lower mill of the Marl. Mfg Co. He was an enterprising man, and probably did more towards bringing forward the settlement of the township than any other proprietor. He was appointed the first Justice of the Peace in town, and held various town offices. He d. July 15, 1798; and his widow m. (2d) Theophilus Howard, *q.v.*, and d. March 23, 1809.

- 2 i. *A daughter*, b. in Southborough, Dec. 14, 1750; d. in infancy.
- 3 ii. *Lucy*, b. in Southborough, Nov. 16, 1751; m. Daniel Emmerson, *q.v.*
- 4 iii. *Daniel*, b. in Southborough, Apr. 25, 1754; d. of small-pox, Sept. 17, 1776.
- 5 iv. *Samuel*, b. in Southborough, Feb. 11, 1757.+
- 6 v. *Olive*, b. in Southborough, March 30, 1759; m. William Collins, *q.v.*
- 7 vi. *Jarib*, b. in Southborough, June 12, 1761.
- 8 vii. *A daughter*, b. in Southborough, July 27, 1763; d. the next day.
- 9 viii. *Chedelomer*, b. in Southborough, July 9, 1764; published to Sarah Severans, Jan 15, 1785; probably settled in Unadilla, N.Y.
- 10 ix. *Hannah*, b. in Southborough, Oct. 20, 1766; m., June 1, 1785, Zacheus Farnsworth of Fitzwilliam; removed to Unadilla, N.Y.
- 11 1. Solomon, b. in Marl., Dec. 12, 1785.
- 12 2. Elizabeth, b. in Marl., May 21, 1787.
- 13 x. *Eunice*, b. in Marl., May 20, 1769; m. Joseph Wilson, *q.v.*
- 14 xi. *A daughter*, b. in Marl., Apr. 13, 1772; d. in infancy.*
- 15 xii. *Elijah*, b. in Marl., May 28, 1776; d. Aug. 23, 1777.

(5) SAMUEL COLLINS, son of Lieut. Joseph, m. Lydia Matthews; he resided for some time on the Joslin place, which he sold to William Lincoln in 1792; after which he settled on the farm lately owned by Henry T. Wiswall, where he d. in 1831. His widow d. Jan. 7, 1851.

*Lovina, an adopted dau. of Joseph Collins and Eunice, his wife, was bap- Aug. 16, 1772.

- 16 i. *Daniel*. ———; d. Jan. 1, 1842, um.
 17 ii. *Artemas*, b. June 4, 1788.+
 18 iii. *Jairus B.*, b. Apr. 21, 1794; m., May 25, 1823,
 Sylvia Gibson. He was a physician, and re-
 sided in Londonderry, Vt., where he d. Feb. 3,
 1851.
- 19 1. Nancy C.
 20 2. Jairus I.
 21 3. Emeline E.
 22 4. Henry H.
- 23 iv. *Lovina*, ———; m. Charles Wilson, *q.v.*
 24 v. *Joseph*, b 1805.+
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- (17) ARTEMAS COLLINS, son of Samuel, m., Nov. 17, 1818,
 Lucy, dau. of William and Olive (Collins) Collins; set-
 tled on the farm now owned by Ivory E. Gates, where
 he d. Feb. 14, 1863. His widow d. Aug. 3, 1876.
- 25 1. *Eunice Almira*, b. June 27, 1823; m., Dec. 22,
 1840, Sarel Whitcomb, b. in Swanzey, Feb. 27,
 1814. She d. Dec. 17, 1857. He now resides
 in Westmoreland.
- 26 1. Eveline A., b. in Marl., Apr. 24, 1841; m.
 Charles R. Collins, *q.v.*
 27 2. Olive Ann, b. in Marl., Sept. 18, 1843; m.
 Ivory E. Gates, *q.v.*
 28 3. Ella Viola, b. in Winchester, Dec. 1, 1847;
 d. Sept. 25, 1849.
 29 4. William F., b. in Swanzey, June 16, 1850.
 30 5. Ella Viola, b. in Marl., Apr. 15, 1855; d.
 in Swanzey, June, 1863.
 31 6. Lucy Ellen, b. in Winchendon, Aug. 18,
 1857; m., Sept. 18, 1878, Charles Calkins;
 resides in Winchendon.
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- (24) JOSEPH COLLINS, son of Samuel, m., June 18, 1829,
 Eunice, dau. of Francis and Lydia (Richardson) Lowell;
 settled on the farm since owned by Henry T. Wiswall,
 where he d. Sept. 7, 1840. His wife d. July 23, 1854.
- 32 1. *Emeline F.*, b. July 18, 1830; m. Austin G. Par-
 menter, *q.v.*
 33 ii. *Harriet E.*, b. Aug. 26, 1832; m., Jan. 22, 1855,
 Alfred Richardson of Keene, by whom she had
 one child.
- 34 1. Annie V., b. June 9, 1857.
 Mr. Richardson d. Jan. 17, 1862, and she m.
 (2d) Henry Raymond of South Braintree, Mass.
- 35 iii. *Charles R.*, b. June 4, 1835; m., Jan. 24, 1806,

Eveline A., dau. of Sarel and Eunice Almira
(Collins) Whitecomb.

- 36 1. Charles B., b. Jan. 21, 1863.
 37 2. Willie D., b. Feb. 21, 1866.
 38 3. Ethel Eunice, b. Sept. 15, 1878.
 39 iv. *Lucy E.*, b. Dec. —, 1838; d. Sept. 30, 1856.
 40 v. *Mary L.*, b. Sept. 5, 1840; m. Edwin B. Mat-
 thews, *q.v.*

41 WILLIAM COLLINS, son of Mark and Sarah Collins,
 and a nephew of Lieut. Joseph, b. in Southborough,
 Mass., Feb. 24, 1762; m., Feb. 13, 1783, Olive, dau. of
 Lieut. Joseph and Eunice (Matthews) Collins; settled
 on the farm since owned by his grandson, Asabel
 Collins, where he d. Apr. 15, 1809. His widow d. Oct.
 28, 1814.

- 42 i. *Elijah*, b. Dec. 28, 1784. +
 43 ii. *Silas*, b. Dec. 26, 1786. +
 44 iii. *Eunice*, b. Oct. 9, 1788; m., Jan. 27, 1814, Martin
 Hemenway; settled in Unadilla, N.Y.; she d.
 Feb. 28, 1868.
 45 iv. *Lucy*, b. Oct. 13, 1790; m. Artemas Collins, *q.v.*
 46 v. *Asahel*, b. Jan. 22, 1792; d. March 25, 1792.
 47 vi. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 17, 1794; m., Jan. 12, 1815, Luther
 Pond; removed to the State of New York,
 where she d. June 16, 1843.
 48 vii. *Olive*, b. Oct. 27, 1800; d. Sept. 26, 1805.

(42) ELIJAH COLLINS, son of William, m., March 9, 1808,
 Rhoda, dau. of Jonathan and Chloe (Wilson) Wheeler
 of Keene, b. June 16, 1791; settled on the home farm.
 He d. Feb. 13, 1847, and his widow d. Nov. 28, 1870.

- 49 i. *Hiram*, b. Aug. 7, 1813. +
 50 ii. *Elisha*, b. Oct. 29, 1820; m., Dec. 20, 1846, Abby
 Robbins; resides in Chester, Vt.
 51 1. Charles E., b. July 17, 1849; m., June,
 1871, Julia M. Hemenway, b. June 26,
 1852; he d. June 27, 1874.
 52 2. Clinton A., b. Nov. 2, 1852; d. March 17,
 1854.
 53 3. Flora A., b. June 30, 1856; d. Aug. 9,
 1858.
 54 4. Cora L., b. Feb. 17, 1858; d. Nov. 7, 1860.
 55 iii. *Susan*, b. Feb. 1, 1824; m., May 1, 1845, Frank-
 lin Wheeler; resides in Acton, Mass.

- (43) SILAS COLLINS, son of William, m., Jan. 10, 1808, Nabby, dau. of Oliver and Lois (Johnson) Wright; settled on the westerly part of home farm; d. Feb. 22, 1868; his wife d. Nov. 15, 1866.
- 56 I. *Asahel*, b. Feb. 27, 1809; m., Apr. 22, 1841, Mrs. Caroline (Woodward) Cudworth, widow of Lewis Cudworth.
- 57 1. Infant son, b. Feb. 22, 1856; d. Feb. 24, 1856.
- 58 II. *Jedediah Tayntor*, b. Jan. 2, 1811.+
- 59 III. *Jairus*, b. Apr. 13, 1816.+
- 60 IV. *Lois*, b. Oct. 30, 1824; m. (1st) Jonathan Bemis, *q.v.*; he d., and she m. (2d) David Martin of Richmond; she d. July 22, 1856.
- 61 v. *William*, b. July 31, 1827.+
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- (49) HIRAM COLLINS, son of Elijah, m., Feb. 10, 1841, Mrs. Maria (Stone) Bailey, widow of Almon Bailey; she d. Jan. 21, 1873, and he m. (2d), Nov. 18, 1875, Lavinia A. Thompson of Framingham, Mass. Children by first wife.
- 62 I. *Julia R. T.*, b. Aug. 12, 1842; m., Oct. 11, 1866, Walter Clissold; resides in Worcester, Mass.
- 63 II. *Perley Elijah*, b. Feb. 26, 1844; m., Sept. 15, 1868, Lizzie Locke, dau. of W. D. Locke of New Ipswich; resides at Great Bend, Kansas.
- 64 1. Laura Whittemore, b. Aug. 20, 1869.
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- (58) JEDEDIAH T. COLLINS, son of Silas, m., May 9, 1842, Martha, dau. of John and Annie (Lewis) Sargent; he d. Nov. 28, 1877.
- 65 I. *Melvin H.*, b. March 20, 1843; m., Oct. 11, 1864, Emily E. Webber of Fitchburg; d. May 25, 1867.
- 66 1. Minnie Maria, b. Sept. 29, 1865; d. Apr. 29, 1868.
- 67 2. Annie, b. Feb. 19, 1867.
- 68 II. *Maria L.*, b. Jan. 17, 1848; m. George G. Davis, *q.v.*
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- (59) JAIRUS COLLINS, son of Silas, m., Aug. 30, 1842, Elmira, dau. of Joshua and Susannah (Babcock) Flint of Roxbury, b. in Dublin, Feb. 16, 1820. In early life he fitted himself for school-teaching by attending academies in Jaffrey and Keene. In the winter of 1835 he taught his first school, in Swanzey, and since that time has taught nearly thirty terms in Marl. and vicinity. By

diligence, fidelity, and unswerving integrity, Mr. Collins has won the confidence of those with whom he has had intercourse and dealings. The esteem of his fellow-citizens has been manifested in their selection of him to fill the various offices of honor and trust in the town, as clerk, selectman, member and chairman of the school-committee. He also represented the town in the Legislature two years. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace since 1856. His services in writing wills and other legal documents, and settling estates, are frequently called into requisition, and he has probably done more Probate business than any other man in town. Possessed of excellent judgment, he has never engaged in hazardous speculations, but confined himself to the legitimate operations of his vocation. By personal application to business, perseverance, and economy, he has acquired for the evening of life a competent estate.

69 I. *Clinton*, b. May 29, 1858.

70 II. *Lester*, b. Apr. 24, 1863; d. Apr. 26, 1863.

(61) WILLIAM COLLINS, son of Silas, m., Sept. 7, 1848, Lucretia J., dau. of Joseph and Nancy (Lincoln) Woodward.

71 I. *Ellen M.*, b. Feb. 7, 1851; m. Martin Gay; resides in Acworth.

72 II. *Flora L.*, b. Jan. 12, 1854; resides in Springfield, Mass., unm.

73 III. *Eddie W.*, b. Aug. 10, 1856.

74 IV. *Frederick E.*, b. Jan. 15, 1858; d. Feb. 17, 1858.

75 V. *Jennie A.*, b. Jan. 3, 1860; m., Oct. 18, 1874, DuTee Knight.

76 1. *Jennie Maud*, b. in Swanzey, Aug. 30, 1876.

77 2. Infant son, b. in Marl., Sept. 1, 1880.

78 VI. *Hattie S.*, b. June 21, 1862; m., March 22, 1879, William A. Booth.

79 VII. *Martin T.*, b. Dec. 15, 1867; d. June 24, 1870.

80 VIII. *Jessie M.*, b. Feb. 7, 1870; d. Aug. 10, 1870.

81 IX. *Frankie W.*, b. Apr. 30, 1871.

82 X. *Katy Bell*, b. Feb. 6, 1874.

1 WILLIAM P. CONANT, b. in Topsfield, Mass., July 22, 1831; m., Sept., 1865, Alice L., dau. of David S. and Marinda M. (Creed) Derby. He was a member of Co. A, 23d Reg. Mass. Vols. Soon after the close of the war he came to Marl., where he now resides.

2 I. *Johnie William Rider*, b. June 29, 1866.

3 II. *Herbert Chaplin*, b. May 9, 1873.

4 III. *N. Eulena*, b. Feb. 25, 1878.

- 1 ROBERT CONVERSE was in town as early as 1776. He settled on the farm known as the Converse place; his house was situated above S. H. McCollester's farm, and on the westerly side of the road leading to the John Wiswall place. He m., 1762, Sarah Newton, who d. Sept. 17, 1820, æ. 75.
- 2 I. *Dinah*, b. Sept. 29, 1762; m. Daniel Woodward, *q.v.*
- 3 II. *Jonas*, b. Oct. 6, 1764; d. Apr. 29, 1778; was killed by the fall of a tree.
- 4 III. *John*, b. Feb. 21, 1767.+
- 5 IV. *Nabby*, b. July 21, 1769; m., Nov. 13, 1799, James White; settled in Boston; d. Sept. 28, 1803.
- 6 V. *Sally*, b. Jan. 15, 1772; m. Ebenezer Rhodes, Jr., *q.v.*
- 7 VI. *Robert*, b. Apr. 14, 1774; m. Ednah Hale; d. Sept. 19, 1848.
- 8 VII. *Uriah*, b. Nov. 22, 1776; d. Aug. 1, 1778.
- 9 VIII. *Luther*, b. Apr. 23, 1779; d. Jan. 20, 1780.
- 10 IX. *Amasa*, b. March 1, 1782.+
- 11 X. *Lovisa*, b. July 15, 1784; d. July 19, 1786.
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- (4) JOHN CONVERSE, son of Robert, m., Dec. 10, 1789, Polly, dau. of Oliver and Lois (Johnson) Wright; she d. Sept. 16, 1814, and he m. (2d) Mrs. Betsey Brabrook, a sister of his first wife. He d. Sept. 22, 1849, and his widow d. Feb. 11, 1866. He was a carpenter, a good workman, a great thinker, and possessed a retentive memory. Although he never had the advantages of a school education, and no knowledge of figures, he could mentally solve difficult problems quicker than most people could perform them on a slate. He settled on the farm now owned by Rev. S. H. McCollester.
- 12 I. *Polly*, b. July 25, 1791; m. Charles Holman, *q.v.*
- 13 II. *Lovisa*, b. June 9, 1794; m. John Buss, *q.v.*
- 14 III. *John Gilman*, b. Nov. 22, 1802; d. in Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept., 1872.
- 15 IV. *Betsey*, b. Aug. 20, 1806; m. Salmon Buckminster, *q.v.*
- 16 V. *Nelson*, b. Oct. 10, 1810.+
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- (10) AMASA CONVERSE, son of Robert, m., March 15, 1802, Zeuriah, dau. of Jonathan and Lois (Porter) Capron; settled on the home farm, where he d. 1813. His widow m. Enoch White, *q.v.*, and d. March 23, 1862.
- 17 I. *Esther*, b. Nov. 19, 1802; m. Windsor Gates, *q.v.*
- 18 II. *Abigail*, b. Oct. 2, 1804; m., Feb. 28, 1827, Simon Fosket of Westminster, Mass.

- 19 iii. *Ira*, b. Aug. 9, 1806.
 20 iv. *Luther*, b. Feb. 22, 1809. +
 21 v. *Willard*, b. May 27, 1811. +
 22 vi. *Arvilla*, b. Apr. 25, 1814; m. Lorenzo White, *q.v.*

(16) NELSON CONVERSE, son of John, m., Sept. 10, 1829, Sally M., dau. of William and Sally (Merriam) Jones. She d. Nov. 9, 1872, and he m. (2d), Jan. 16, 1873, Mrs. Fannie M. Everett. His mother dying when he was but four years of age, he was placed in the family of his sister, Mrs. Charles Holman, where he remained until grown to manhood. Soon after his marriage, which occurred at the early age of nineteen, he moved to the town of Newport in the northern part of Vermont, and located on a farm. After residing there two years, he returned to Marl., and engaged in the mill-business in company with his brother Gilman. Losing their mill by fire, soon after commencing business, the Colonel then turned his attention to boot-making for a short time; but, finding that the business returned but a moderate income for the labor performed, he soon gave it up, and became interested in the manufacture and sale of trusses and supporters, which business he continued until the completion of the Cheshire Railroad, when he was appointed station agent at the Marl. station. Subsequently he was transferred to the station at Bellows Falls. After an experience there sufficient to satisfy him that it was not a desirable position for him to occupy, he resigned it, and returned to Marl., and purchased the residence in the village, which he now occupies. He then engaged in the stone-quarrying business, which he continued on his own account, and as agent for others, for many years; in the mean time purchasing and improving considerable real estate.

Being a person of an active and sanguine temperament in his early life, he naturally took the lead in all enterprises of a public character. His military career commenced at the age of sixteen. In 1838, through his instrumentality probably more than that of any other individual, the Marl. Cadet Company was organized, uniformed, and equipped. He soon became its commander, and from thence rose to the command of the 12th Regiment of the N.H. Militia. Re-entering the ranks again, he attained the position of Major-General of the 3d Division of the N.H. State Militia.

Soon after the breaking out of the Rebellion in the spring of 1861, he commenced a weekly military drill of all citizens of the town who chose to assemble for that purpose, thus preparing them for the duties of actual

service, in case they were called for. In the autumn of that year, he was appointed Colonel of the 6th Regiment of N.H. Volunteers. The regiment was organized at Keene, and left there in December for Washington, and from there was sent to Cape Hatteras. In consequence of severe and chronic indisposition, he was obliged to relinquish the active duties of the field; and, instead of asking for a furlough and continuing under pay from the government, he adopted the less selfish course, and resigned his commission at once.

In civil public office, the Colonel has officiated as moderator in town meetings for many years, has held the office of selectman for three years, declining to serve again when afterwards elected, represented the town in the Legislature two years, was County Commissioner for three years, and one of the building committee for erecting the present court house at Keene. He has also held the office of Deputy Sheriff for six years, and was twice unanimously nominated by the county delegation for the office of Sheriff of the County, but declined accepting it, and has held a Justice of the Peace commission for over twenty years. In all these positions his record has been an honorable one to himself, and creditable to the town.

As a citizen and neighbor, his sympathies are always active for those in trouble, and, consequently, his counsel and advice are oftener solicited, perhaps, than those of any other individual in town.

23 1. *Leri N.*, b. Apr. 30, 1830; d. in Louisville, Ky., Oct. 3, 1870.

24 ii. *Sarah M.*, b. Aug. 13, 1834; d. Apr. 26, 1853.

25 iii. *John William*, b. July 3, 1848; m. Clara Wheeler of Mason. She d., and he m. (2d) Mrs. Georgianna Huckins. He is a lawyer, and resides in Boston (see Chap. XIII.).

(20) LUTHER CONVERSE, son of Amasa, m. Sophia, dau. of Thomas and Rebecca (Metcalf) White; he d. May 18, 1843; his widow m. Samuel Blodgett, and d. Feb. 5, 1873.

26 1. *Louisa*, ———; m., July 16, 1848, Bradley E. Olmstead of St. Albans, Vt.; resides in Iowa.

27 ii. *Henry Miles*, b. Feb. 22, 1832; m., Sept. 5, 1854, Rectina Louisa Ryder, b. at Hartley, Canada East, June 26, 1837. He now resides in Canada.

28 1. Sophia, b. July 31, 1855.

29 2. William Luther, b. in Keene, Aug. 18, 1858.

- 30 3. Harriet L., b. in Orford, Sept. 5, 1860.
- 31 4. E. Louisa, b. in Orford, Apr. 28, 1862.
- 32 5. Wesley Miles, b. in Springfield, Mass.,
May 22, 1864.
- 33 III. *Amasa*, b. —, 1837; d. June 16, 1842.
- 34 IV. *Wesley*, —; removed to the West.

(21) WILLARD CONVERSE, son of Amasa, m. Hannah Ellis of Grafton, Mass. She d. Jan. 9, 1837.

- 35 I. *Stillman Amos*, b. Jan. 24, 1832.
- 36 II. *Zeruiah Lucretia*, b. July 6, 1834.
- 37 III. *Willard Amasa*, b. Dec. 28, 1836; d. Oct. 28,
1837.
Mr. Converse m. (2d), Apr. 13, 1837, Hannah, dau. of Enoch and Hannah (Hale) White. She d. in 1851, and he m. (3d) Mary, dau. of William and Mary (Sweetser) Carter, and settled in New Oregon, Iowa. Children by second wife b. in Marl.
- 38 IV. *Willard Enoch*, b. Dec. 2, 1840.
- 39 V. *Samuel Ambrose*, b. Jan. 3, 1843.
- 40 VI. *Cynthia Abby*, b. Feb. 5, 1845.
- 41 VII. *George Washington*, b. Dec. 17, 1847.

COOLIDGE.

The ancestor of the Coolidge family in this country was John Coolidge, who was one of the earliest proprietors of Watertown, Mass., in 1636-7. His eldest son, John, who was probably b. in England, m., Nov. 14, 1655, Hannah Livermore. His third son, John, b. Feb. 19, 1662, settled in Sherburne. He was a carpenter by trade, and was a soldier in King Phillip's war. Isaac, eldest son of John last named, b. Apr. 21, 1685; m., Apr. 26, 1710, Hannah, dau. of Capt. Joseph Morse of Sherburne. John, the eldest son of Isaac, b. June 21, 1714; m. Annie, who d. Jan. 18, 1782. They were the parents of Samuel, who is numbered 1 in the following register.

Joseph, another son of Isaac, b. Apr. 22, 1726; m., Jan. 26, 1746, Elizabeth Frost. They had twelve children, among whom were Abraham and Hezekiah, who settled in this town, and are numbered 7 and 15, respectively, in the following register.

- 1 SAMUEL COOLIDGE, son of John and Annie Coolidge, was b. in Sherburne, Aug. 13, 1753. His wife was Hannah —. They settled first in Sherburne, where his two eldest children were born. The family resided for many years in Marl., but no record has been found of their death or removal from town.
- 2 I. *Rebecca*, b. March 1, 1779; m. (1st) Reuben Ward, *q.v.*, and (2d) John Stone, *q.v.*
- 3 II. *Lawson*, b. Apr. 4, 1782; d. May 26, 1806.
- 4 III. *Persis*, —; d. um.

- 5 iv. *Curtis*; removed to St. Louis.
6 v. *Henry*; d. in Keene.

7 ABRAHAM COOLIDGE, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Frost) Coolidge, was b. in Sherburne, Jan. 1, 1764. In company with his brother, Hezekiah, he came to Marl. in 1787, and purchased of Reuben Ward one hundred acres of land, lying in the south part of the town, in what is now Troy. They resided together for several years, and then divided the farm. Abraham afterwards resided in various localities in town. He was quite an active man, and during the early part of his life traded considerably in cattle and sheep, which he disposed of in Brighton market. He d. July 26, 1843. His wife, whose name we have not learned, d. Oct. 8, 1836.

- 8 i. *Barak*, b. Dec. 30, 1789; m. Nancy Harris; d. March, 1851.
9 ii. *Asher*, b. Aug. 8, 1791; m. Olive Starkey; d. Nov. 15, 1837.
10 iii. *Dorcas*, b. May 24, 1794; m. Charles Farrar; removed to the West, where she d. May 29, 1855.
11 iv. *Orlando*, b. Jan. 14, 1796; m. (1st) C. Rockwood; she d. and he m. (2d) Mrs. Louisa (Woodward) Eaton; removed to Keene.
12 v. *Oscar*, b. July 22, 1698; m. Lovina Rockwood; removed to Chesterfield.
13 vi. *Cosby*, b. June 11, 1800; m. Moses F. Perkins; removed to Jaffrey.
14 vii. *Charles*, b. March 28, 1804; m. Sarah Carpenter; resides in Troy.

15 HEZEKIAH COOLIDGE, brother of Abraham, was b. in Sherburne, Feb. 13, 1766. His wife was Esther ——. He continued to reside in Marl. till the fall of 1805, when, on his way to Swanzey with an ox team after a load of cider, he fell from the cart-tongue upon which he was riding and one wheel passed over his head killing him instantly. His widow m. Jonathan Frost, *q.v.*

- 16 i. *Harriet*, b. Jan. 6, 1792; m. Asa Frost, *q.v.*
17 ii. *Elliot*, b. Dec. 8, 1794; m. Jan. 22, 1818, Nancy, dau. of Levi and Hannah (Brigham) Gates; removed to Canada.
18 iii. *Harlow*, b. Oct. 21, 1698; d. young.

1 JEDEDIAH COOPER was a native of Westminster, Mass., and the son of Jedediah. Of his ancestry we have learned but little, except that his mother was b. of Dutch parents while on their way from Holland to this

country. His father purchased the Thurston farm,—which is now known as the Cooper place,—on the old road leading from Marl. to Pottersville, and gave it to him and his brother Henry. After residing here many years, he removed to Winchester, where he engaged in store-keeping, and thence to Swanzey, where he d. um.

- 2 HENRY COOPER, brother of Jedediah, resided in town for several years, and then removed to Swanzey, where he d. um.

- 1 NATHANIEL CORBIN, from Chesterfield, settled in town about 1804, on the farm now owned by the widow of Dea. Augustus Smith. After a residence here of a few years, he returned to Chesterfield.

- 2 I. *Arethusa*, ———; m. Stephen Hodgkins.
 3 II. *Joseph Sawyer*, b. in Chesterfield, Oct. 4, 1776; m., Oct. 5, 1815, Lydia, dau. of Hezekiah and Lydia (Cummings) Hodgkins. She d., and he m. (2d), Feb. 22, 1822, Sally, dau. of Thaddeus and Ruth (Tower) Parmenter; removed to Rochester, N.Y., where she d. Dec. 19, 1826. He d. Sept., 1869.
- 4 1. Joseph, b. Dec. 19, 1822; resides in Rochester, N.Y.

- 1 ABRAHAM COREY, b. in Richmond, May 10, 1798; m., June 1, 1824, Hannah W. Perkins, b. in Jaffrey, Nov. 26, 1806. After residing in Fitzwilliam, Jaffrey, and Troy, he came to Marl., where he now resides. For several years he resided on the Franklin Clapp place, where he had the misfortune to lose his house by fire, May 1, 1870, since which time he has resided with his son, Edward C., on the Sawyer place.

- 2 I. *Louisa A.*, b. in Fitzwilliam, March 8, 1826; m., 1847, Henry S. Applin of Swanzey; he d., and she m. (2d) Wesson Applin; resides in Swanzey.
 3 II. *Phebe E.*, b. in Jaffrey, Jan. 31, 1828; m., March 30, 1852, Charles Hunt of Swanzey; resides in Peru, Vt.
 4 III. *Mary Jane*, b. in Troy, June 21, 1830; m., Oct. 5, 1852, George Perkins of Jaffrey; resides in Newport, R.I.
 5 IV. *Edward Clark*, b. in Fitzwilliam, Dec. 8, 1831. +
 6 V. *Cynthia*, b. in Jaffrey, Dec. 20, 1834; m., Oct. 11, 1853, John Kimball of Troy; resides in Winchendon.

- 7 vi. *Amos L.*, b. in Fitzwilliam, Aug. 1, 1837.†
 8 vii. *Alfred G.*, b. in Fitzwilliam, Apr. 13, 1840; d. Sept. 22, 1870.
 9 viii. *Francis A.*, b. in Troy, Feb. 9, 1843; m., March 16, 1871, Rebecca Doudes of Canton, Ohio. She d., and he m. (2d), Apr. 20, 1874, Nellie Medill of Canton, where he now resides.
 10 ix. *Clara A.*, b. in Troy, July 3, 1845; m. Joel S. Knight, *q.v.*
 11 x. *Henry C.*, b. in Marl., May 22, 1848; d. Aug. 23, 1852.

(5) EDWARD CLARK COREY, son of Abraham, m., Nov. 27, 1860, Mary A. Davis of Springfield, Vt., b. in Chester, Vt., March 4, 1836.

- 12 i. *Florence E.*, b. in Jaffrey, Sept. 7, 1861; d. Nov. 27, 1863.
 13 ii. *Henry C.*, b. in Dublin, Oct. 8, 1863.
 14 iii. *Emma I.*, b. in Marl., May 7, 1872; d. June 15, 1872.

(7) AMOS L. COREY, son of Abraham, m., Feb. 13, 1863, Ellen Sperry of Cavendish, Vt. He is a carpenter by trade, and has also been a successful teacher of penmanship. He resided in town for several years, and then removed to Swanzey, where he now resides.

- 15 i. *Clara Adella*, b. in Cavendish, Vt., Dec. 8, 1863.
 16 ii. *Charles L.*, b. in Marl., Sept. 24, 1866.
 17 iii. *Mary I.*, b. in Marl., May 30, 1869.
 18 iv. *Byron*, b. in Marl., Sept. 28, 1871.

1 EZEKIEL CUDWORTH, b. in Greenfield, N.H., March 14, 1784; m. Lydia Lewis, b. Feb. 17, 1783. He came to Marl. about 1817, and resided for some time in the house south of the Common, since owned by Squire Wild. He afterwards lived in the Wright house, so called, a few rods south of the William Tenney place. He was a blacksmith, and worked in a shop which formerly stood at the fork of the roads, a few rods south of the last-mentioned place, hence the name "Cud's Corner." He removed to Rindge about 1843, where he d. Sept. 15, 1866. His widow d. Jan. 5, 1869.

- 2 i. *Lewis*, b. Jan. 15, 1814; m., Sept. 28, 1837, Caroline, dau. of Jonas and Phebe (Parmenter) Woodward; he d. Aug. 16, 1839, and his widow m. Asahel Collins, *q.v.*
 3 ii. *Emery*, b. Aug. 2, 1815.†
 4 iii. *Timothy*, b. Sept. 6, 1818; m., Dec. 23, 1841,

Ruth S., dau. of Aaron and Ruth (Metcalf) Sawtelle; resides in Rindge.

5 iv. *Ezekiel*, b. Aug. 8, 1820; m., Apr. 3, 1844, Achsah, dau. of Reuben and Beatrice (Beard) Tarbell; resided in Rindge until 1872, when he removed to Littleton, N.H., where he is engaged in the lumber business. While in Rindge, he was selectman three years, and held other local offices.

6 v. *Moses*, b. Apr. 27, 1827; m. Lavilla Moore, who d. Jan. 5, 1855, and he m. (2d) Mary A., dau. of Joseph Kendall of Troy, b. Dec. 23, 1831; resides in Rindge.

(3) EMERY CUDWORTH, son of Ezekiel, m., Oct. 8, 1837, Eliza, dau. of Aaron and Annie (Pratt) (Lawrence) Willard; she d. July 31, 1850, and he m. (2d) Roxana Farwell of Nelson, b. June 11, 1817. He resided for several years on the Calvin Tenney place, where he d. Jan. 17, 1864.

7 i. *Miles F.*, b. Sept. 3, 1852; m., Nov. 30, 1876, Harriet L., dau. of George A. and Elizabeth V. (Hartshorn) Lovering.

1 REV. JOSEPH CUMMINGS was b. in Topsfield, Mass., Jan. 7, 1746. But little is known of his history, except that he graduated at Harvard University in 1768, after which he taught school for a short time, and studied divinity in his native town. He came to Marl. in 1778, preached for a short time as a candidate, and finally accepted a call to become the first settled pastor of the Congregational Church (see Ecclesiastical History). At the close of his labors here, he returned to Topsfield, and soon after went to Ohio as land agent for a company in Mass. While on his way home, he was taken suddenly ill, returned to Marl. to the house of his brother Amos, where he d. Sept. 24, 1788. He was buried in the cemetery near the old meeting-house, a few feet from the wall, at the right of the gate. A white marble stone was erected to mark the spot; but this mysteriously disappeared a few years since. His wife was Anna Gove.

2 i. *Charles*, b. Sept. 23, 1777.†

3 ii. *Mary*, b. Aug. 31, 1779; m. Jacob Batcheller; descendants live in Lynn, Mass.

4 iii. *Cyrus*, b. July 30, 1782; m. Susan Wilder; settled in Topsfield, Mass.

5 iv. Twins. { *Cynthia*, b. Apr. 5, 1785; m. Simon Lane of Sanbornton, N.H.

6 v. { *Samuel*, Apr. 5, 1785; d. at the age of 17.

7 VI. *Sophia*; m. Joseph Sperry of Portsmouth, where they settled.

(2) CHARLES CUMMINGS (known as Elder Cummings), son of Rev. Joseph, m., Oct. 9, 1798, Polly, dau. of Dea. Elias and Molly (Patterson) Hemenway (see Chap. XIII.). He d. Dec. 27, 1849. His widow d. July 8, 1857.

8 I. *Charles*, b. June 28, 1799; m. (1st) Lydia Higby of Alstead; m. (2d) Ruth Smart; settled in West Windsor, Ohio; d. Dec. 7, 1870.

9 II. *Elias Patterson*, b. Apr. 18, 1802; d. Apr. 12, 1813.

10 III. *Mary*, b. Aug. 22, 1807; m. Luke Hemenway. She now resides in Florence, Italy.

11 IV. *Joseph Elliot*, b. June 15, 1811; m. Daphne Wright of Washington, N.H.; settled in Lexington, Mich., where he d. June 26, 1855.

12 V. *Enoch Patterson*, b. March 28, 1815; m. (1st) Dolly Pillsbury of Sutton; m. (2d) Mary Russell of Sutton; resides in Concord.

13 VI. *Cyrus*, b. Sept. 5, 1817; m. Harriet Condon; resides in Charlotte, Mich.

14 VII. *Anna Gove*, b. in Sullivan, Nov. 22, 1820; m. Elijah Boyden, *q.v.*

15 AMOS CUMMINGS, a brother of Rev. Joseph, was b. in Topsfield, Mass., Dec. 15, 1765. He came to Marl. in the spring of 1782, and purchased a lot of wild land in the north part of the town, still known as the Cummings place. In the autumn, young Cummings, having experienced something of the hardships and privations of the pioneer-life, returned to Topsfield. The April following, on his return to Marl., he was obliged to travel on snowshoes, guided by trees marked by him the autumn before. He m., 1785, Mercy Knowlton of Beverly, Mass., b. May 16, 1761, d. June 21, 1819. Mr. Cummings was a strong man, possessed of an iron constitution and great powers of endurance. He was a good neighbor, a conscientious Christian, and d. Aug. 8, 1843.

16 I. *Betsey*, b. Oct. 4, 1785; m. Luther Hemenway, *q.v.*

17 II. *Amos*, b. Nov. 1, 1792; m., Jan. 21, 1817, Nancy, dau. of Thaddeus and Asenath (Rice) Hastings; settled on the home farm. Late in life, he removed to the village to the stone house since owned by Samuel Allison, where he d. Aug. 28, 1862. His widow d. July 2, 1866.

18 1, *Eliza*, b. Dec. 15, 1817; m., May 15, 1839,

- Charles Sturtevant of Keene; d. Aug. 5, 1876.
- 19 2. Nancy, b. Apr. 4, 1821; m., July 13, 1847, Frederick M. Ballou of Blackstone, Mass.; resides in Providence, R.I.
- 20 3. Elbridge, b. Aug. 6, 1827; m., Jan. 1, 1861, Lydia B., dau. of Allen and Hannah (Newcomb) Clapp. He is postmaster and station-agent at Fitzwilliam Depot; he also represented that town in the Legislature in 1879.
- 21 4. E. Jennie, b. Aug. 12, 1831; m., Dec. 26, 1860, J. Reynolds Beal of Keene, cashier of Keene Nat. Bank.
- 22 5. Maria, b. Feb. 3, 1834; resides in Keene, um.
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- 23 PELATIAH CUMMINGS, another brother of Rev. Joseph, purchased of the latter in 1786 the farm since known as the Cummings tavern place, a few rods south of the old meeting-house, where he d. in 1803. His widow d. May 1, 1808. His children were all born in Topsfield, Mass.
- 24 I. *John*, b. July 12, 1755; m., and settled in Barnard, Vt.
- 25 II. *Pelataiah*, b. March 6, 1758.
- 26 III. *Lydia*, b. Apr. 24, 1760; m. Hezekiah Hodgkins, *q.v.*
- 27 IV. *Mehitable*, b. Oct. 26, 1762; m. Stephen Adams of Jaffrey.
- 28 V. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 28, 1764; d. um.
- 29 VI. *Isaac*, b. Jan. 23, 1767.†
- 30 VII. *Abigail*, b. March 25, 1769; d. young.
- 31 VIII. *Abigail*, b. Oct. 8, 1771; d. um.
- 32 IX. *Oliver*, b. June 4, 1773; d. in the war of 1812.
- 33 X. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 17, 1775; m. Stephen Benjamin of Ashby, Mass.
- 34 XI. *Betty*, b. March 24, 1778.
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- (29) ISAAC CUMMINGS, son of Pelataiah, m., May 20, 1800, Betsey Emery of Winchendon; settled on the home farm, where he kept a public house for several years. In 1817, he removed to Winchendon, where he d., Feb. 24, 1843. His widow d. Jan. 23, 1862, at the advanced age of 92.
- 35 I. *George*, b. Jan. 2, 1803; d. the same year.
- 36 II. *Eliza*, b. Aug. 31, 1804; m. Levi Prentiss of Winchendon; removed to Acworth in 1859, where they still reside.

- 37 iii. *George*, b. June 22, 1806; m. Miranda Moore of Lowell; resides in Winchendon.
- 38 iv. *Alzina*, b. Dec. 17, 1807; d. Sept. 17, 1824.
- 39 v. *Charles Franklin*, b. Aug. 30, 1809; d. Apr. 30, 1812.
- 40 vi. *Isaac*, b. Dec. 13, 1810; m. Eliza Wood; settled in Winchendon.
- 41 vii. *Lydia*, b. Nov. 17, 1813; m. Andrew Beard; settled in Palmer, Mass.; d. March 16, 1861.
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- 42 DEA. DANIEL CUMMINGS, the fifth son of Capt. Thomas Cummings of Topsfield, Mass., was b. in that town, Apr. 11, 1758. He m., Feb. 26, 1782, Mary, the fifth dau. of Samuel Dodge of Ipswich, Mass., b. Apr. 13, 1756. He came to Marl. in 1787, and soon after settled on what is known as the Stillman Fifield place, now included in the town of Roxbury. His wife d. March 10, 1824, and he m. (2d), May 12, 1825, Lydia, dau. of Isaac and Hannah (Goddard) McAllister. He was for many years deacon of the Baptist Church in Pottersville. He d. Nov. 26, 1836, and his widow d. Dec. 29, 1856. Children by first wife:—
- 43 i. *Daniel*, b. Feb. 26, 1783; d. Jan. 13, 1784.
- 44 ii. *Daniel*, b. Dec. 13, 1784; m., Dec. 5, 1815, Elizabeth Dagget; d. in Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 30, 1852.
- 45 iii. *Mary*, b. Feb. 10, 1787; d. Jan. 21, 1834.
- 46 iv. *John*, b. Oct. 29, 1789; m., Feb. 16, 1815, Elizabeth Emerson; removed to Warren, N.Y.; d. June 5, 1852.
- 47 v. *Thomas*, b. May 22, 1792; m., Dec. 5, 1820, Sarah Harvey; d. in Indiana, Feb. 8, 1844.
- 48 vi. *Anna*, b. Jan. 21, 1795; m., Nov. 6, 1821, Robert Fay of Walpole; m. (2d), May, 1834, Alonzo Hubbard of Walpole; d. Jan. 31, 1841.
- 49 vii. *Joseph*, b. June 19, 1798.+
- 50 viii. *Abraham*, b. May 15, 1801; m., March 20, 1817, Daphne Carter of Roxbury; d. Aug. 31, 1827.
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- (49) JOSEPH CUMMINGS, son of Daniel, m., 1819, Hepzibah Robbins, b. in Nelson, Jan. 17, 1799. He settled first in Roxbury, but came to Marl. in 1821. He was a blacksmith by trade, and worked for many years in the shop which formerly stood on Library Square. He now resides in Troy. His wife d. Aug. 12, 1880.
- 51 i. *Asa*, b. in Roxbury, Aug. 12, 1819; d. in Providence, R.I., Nov. 13, 1844, unm.
- 52 ii. *Caroline E.*, b. in Marl., June 12, 1821; m. Eli Dort, *q.v.*

- 53 | JOSEPH CUMMINGS and wife Hannah warned to leave town, in 1785, with their children, Molly, Eunice, Nathan, and John. The warrant states that they were from Jaffrey. The following is from the town records: "Second wall Pew to the right of the fore Door Bid off By Mr. Joseph Cummings, for three pounds," 1785.

CUTTING.

The ancestor of the Cutting family of Marl. was Richard Cutting, who, at the age of eleven years, with his brother William, embarked on the ship "Elizabeth" at Ipswich, England, for America, April, 1634. Richard was a wheelwright, and settled in Watertown, Mass., where he was admitted freeman, Apr. 18, 1690. He d. in Watertown, March 21, 1695-96. His son James, b. Jan. 26, 1647-48; m., June 16, 1679, Hannah Cutler. Jonathan, the fourth son of James, was b. Jan. 12, 1687-88; m., Jan. 5, 1709-10, Sarah Flagg; d. May 29, 1754. Moses, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Flagg) Cutting, b. Feb. 14, 1711-12; m., May 25, 1736, Mary Stratton, and settled in Framingham. They had eight children, among whom were Daniel, Joseph, and Moses, who settled in Marl.

- 1 | DANIEL CUTTING, son of Moses and Mary (Stratton) Cutting, bap. 1749; m., 1771, Submit Ball. He came to this town from Framingham in 1773, and located on the farm since owned by Timothy Fife, in Troy. In 1779, he purchased of Jonah Harrington the Lemuel Brown place, in the north part of what is now Troy; he built a saw-mill on the spot afterwards occupied by Amos Sibley's peg-mill. He resided here some sixteen years, his time being divided between his farm and mill. Possessing more than ordinary business-capacity, he managed both to good advantage. He seems to have been a man of considerable energy and public spirit, deserving the confidence of his fellow-men, but, having been called to experience severe affliction in the loss of his wife, and his family-circle being broken up, in 1795 he returned to Framingham, where he m. Mrs. Martha Brown. He d. in 1812, æ. 63.
- 2 | I. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 15, 1772; m. Abner Smith of Dublin; d. Sept. 11, 1830.
- 3 | II. *Daniel*, b. Jan. 17, 1775.†
- 4 | III. *Joseph*, b. March 15, 1777; removed to Framingham.
- 5 | IV. *Rebecca*, b. June 5, 1779; m. Renben Gould; settled in Vermont.
- 6 | V. *Levi*, b. March 2, 1782; removed to Framingham.
- 7 | VI. *Lois*, b. Apr. 25, 1785.
- 8 | VII. *Azuba*, b. Sept. 22, 1787.
- 9 | VIII. *Submit*, b. March 5, 1792.

(3) DANIEL CUTTING, son of Daniel, m., Feb. 22, 1807, Sarah, dau. of Jonathan Lawrence, and settled on the farm east of the school-house in Dist. No. 3, in Troy, which he purchased of the heirs of Hezekiah Coolidge. He inherited much of his father's business-capacity, was an upright man, took a deep interest in the affairs of the town, and was elected to numerous offices of trust and responsibility. He d. Nov. 16, 1855. His wife d. Apr. 30, 1847.

- 10 I. *Permelia*, b. Apr. 17, 1807; m. Abner Stanley.
- 11 II. *Caroline*, b. Dec. 5, 1808; m. Chester Lyman.
- 12 III. *Adaline*, b. Sept. 10, 1810; m. Samuel Garey.
- 13 IV. *Albert*, b. Aug. 20, 1812; d. Oct. 30, 1838.
- 14 V. *Sarah*, b. June 12, 1814; d. Sept. 29, 1815.
- 15 VI. *Daniel Wise*, b. March 7, 1816; removed to Vermont.
- 16 VII. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 19, 1818; m. Charles Coolidge.
- 17 VIII. *Clarissa*, b. Feb. 23, 1820; m. Hale Wetherbee.
- 18 IX. *Abigail*, b. Jan. 4, 1822; m. James R. Stanley.
- 19 X. *Arvilla*, b. Nov. 25, 1823.

20 JOSEPH CUTTING, brother of Daniel, bap. in Framingham, Feb. 3, 1754; came to this town in 1775. From the manner in which he left Framingham, we should suppose he had but little idea of devoting himself to the service of his country, or that he possessed little of the spirit of the Revolution. On receiving intelligence that he had been drafted to enter the army, he fled from his native town, and, after wandering about for some time in disguise, directed his steps toward Monadnock. When he had advanced so far as to be relieved from the fear of being recognized, he pursued a more open course; and, on one occasion, seeing a group of men in the distance, he ventured among them to learn the subject of their deliberations. But what was his surprise to see posted on the walls of a building a large bill, offering a reward of twenty pounds for the arrest of Joseph Cutting. His self-possession did not desert him, but he simply remarked that, as he was nearly destitute of money, he would like to capture the fugitive and obtain the proffered reward. As he excited no suspicion, he was permitted to pursue his journey, and soon reached the place of his destination, where he was safe from his pursuers. He built a house in the southerly part of the town, on the lot since owned by William Whitcomb, now situated in Troy. He m., Dec. 1, 1795, Anna Ball of Bolton. On that day commenced the most violent snow-storm of the 17th century. The snow fell so deep that Mr. Cutting could not return with his bride for five weeks. He resided in Troy until his death in 1823.

- 21 I. *Silas*, b. Dec. 18, 1796.
 22 II. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 30, 1798.
 23 III. *Stephen*, b. Nov. 23, 1800.
 24 IV. *Lucinda*, b. Apr. 2, 1803.
 25 V. *Gilman*, b. Apr. 22, 1805.
 26 VI. *Anna*, b. Aug. 6, 1807.
 27 VII. *Lutheria*, b. Feb. 5, 1810.
 28 VIII. *Submita*, b. June 27, 1812.
 29 IX. *Elias*, b. Jan. 25, 1815.

30 MOSES CUTTING, another brother of Daniel, came to Marl. at an early date. In 1778, he purchased of Moses Kenney the Abel Garfield farm in what is now Troy, and moved his family to that place. After a residence here of twelve years, he sold his farm to John Colburn and removed to Fitzwilliam. He seldom took part in public affairs, but employed his time mostly in cultivating his farm, although he is said to have possessed great mechanical ingenuity and could make almost anything that had ever been accomplished by human skill. He m., 1770, Mary Whitcomb. He d. in 1834.

- 31 I. *Lucy*, ———; m. ——— Bailey; lived in Westmoreland.
 32 II. *Dorothy*, ———; m. Jonathan Lawrence.
 33 III. *Moses*, ———; d. æ. 30.
 34 IV. *Delia*, ———; m. ——— Piper; d. in Maine.
 35 V. *Lydia*, ———; m. Samuel Farrar.
 36 VI. *Polly*, ———; m. ——— Bolster; removed to N.Y.
 37 VII. *Aaron*, ———; m. Fanny Harvey.
 38 VIII. *Nancy*, ———; m. Rufus Randall; removed to N.Y.
 39 IX. *Asa*.

DAGGETT.

JOHN DAGGETT, settled in Attleborough, Mass., about the year 1666; and was one of the proprietors of that township. His son, Joseph, built the first corn-mill in Attleborough. Ebenezer, son of Joseph, settled in Attleborough, and had two sons,—Naphthali, who was President of Yale College from 1766 to 1777, and John, who was one of the leading men in Attleborough during the period of the Revolution. Joab, son of John, was the father of Levi, who m. Abigail, dau. of Joseph and Parnae (Temple) Butler, and settled in Troy, and Marcus, who settled in Marl.

- 1 MARCUS DAGGETT, son of Joab, b. in Attleborough, in 1793; m., 1817, Martha Nye of Falmouth, Mass. They came to Marl. in 1818, and located on the farm since owned by Noah Porter. After residing here eight years, he removed to Rindge, where he remained one year, and then returned to his native town. His wife d. March 21, 1861. He now resides in Fisherville, N.H.

- 2 | I. *Martha Ann*, b. Nov. 29, 1818; m. David A.
Brown.
- 3 | II. *Marcus L.*, b. June 15, 1820.
- 4 | III. *Fanny B.*, b. June 2, 1822; resides in Fisher-
ville, N.H.
- 5 | IV. *Eliza M.*, b. Jan. 14, 1825; resides in Attlebor-
ough, Mass.
- 6 | V. *Joseph M.*, b. Nov. 14, 1828; resides in California.
- 7 | VI. *Ebenezer*, b. in Attleborough, June 14, 1832;
d. æ. 31.
- 8 | VII. *Ellen A.*, b. in Attleborough, May 1, 1835; resides
in Boston.

1 | JONAH DAVIS, son of Richard and Lois (Whitney) Davis, b. in Jaffrey, Oct. 5, 1788; m., Aug. 20, 1818, Sarah, dau. of David and Ruth (Allen) Wilkinson, and located in the village, in the house now owned by his widow. He was a shoemaker, and learned his trade of Mr. Walter Gates in this town, having "bought his time" of his father, at the age of eighteen. On reaching the age of twenty-one, he found himself in debt to the amount of two hundred dollars, on account of sickness. Having in a few years mastered his trade, he paid off this indebtedness by his earnings, and, with only a small sum in his purse, made his way on foot, seeking employment, with his tools and all his earthly goods strapped up in his leather apron, to Cambridge, Mass. Here he engaged to work at his trade three months for one Enoch Train, a custom boot and shoe manufacturer of that town. At the expiration of the specified time, Mr. Train engaged him for the term of three years. Before the three years expired, Mr. Train was appointed High Sheriff of Middlesex Co., and the charge of the county jail located in Cambridge devolved upon him; but, on account of his frequent calls to other official duties, he intrusted this charge to Mr. Davis, who served him in this capacity during the remainder of the three years for which he was engaged.

At the expiration of that time, he returned to Marlboro, and entered into partnership with his former master in the business of custom boot and shoemaking.

About 1815, they erected the "little red shop" now standing on the corner near the Library Building; and here, for more than forty years, Mr. Davis worked faithfully at his humble calling.

His habits of industry, economy, and order, were remarkable, and exerted a marked and salutary influence in the community.

He was a man of decided convictions, and held his political and religious opinions with no uncertain grasp. He was uncompromising in his adherence to principle and right, and was true to his religious, political, and temperance principles, when it cost alienation of friends to be so.

As a citizen, he was always interested in the cause of education, temperance, and whatever pertained to the welfare of the town and village, often suggesting general improvements, and aiding in their consummation. He first suggested the location of the present village cemetery, and was active in having that tract of land set apart for its present purpose.

Previous to his marriage, he purchased the house now occupied by his surviving companion. On the day of his marriage, he moved into it; and it continued his home during the remainder of his earthly life. He d. March 24, 1856.

- 2 i. *Edwin (Rev.)*, b. May 8, 1821; m., July 2, 1845, Nancy Sophia Chase of Guilford, Vt. He is pastor of the Universalist Church at Canton, Mass. (see Chap. XIII).

- 3 JOHN MERRILL DAVIS, b. in Sullivan, Aug. 29, 1821; m., Sept. 16, 1845, Maria L., dau. of Nathan and Eunice (Porter) Wild. After his marriage, he resided in Marl. until 1879, when he removed to Troy.

- 4 i. *Martin L.*, b. Apr. 6, 1846; m., Sept. 15, 1866, Victoria L. Harris; resides at South Keene.
 5 ii. *Henry A.*, b. June 1, 1850; m., Aug. 23, 1873, Annie M. Bowker.
 6 iii. *Carrie M.*, b. Sept. 5, 1855.
 7 iv. *Hattie E.*, b. July 27, 1860.
 8 v. *Eunice C.*, b. Nov. 28, 1862; d. March 7, 1864.

- 9 ISAAC A. DAVIS, son of Isaac and Fanny (Esty) Davis of Roxbury, was b. in that town, June 20, 1826; m., Sept. 5, 1852, Melissa D., dau. of Clark and Lucy (Adams) Stockwell, b. in Dayton, N.Y., Aug. 12, 1835. He came to Marl. to reside, Sept., 1859. He enlisted in Co. C, 14th Reg. N.H. Vols., Aug. 12, 1862, from Roxbury, to which place he had moved his family but a short time previous. He received an honorable discharge May 30, 1865, having served nearly three years. He returned to Marl. Nov. 21, 1869, where he has since resided.

- 10 i. *Sidney C.*, b. in Barnard, Vt., Oct. 21, 1855; m.

Sarah, dau. of George Seaver of Harrisville. He d. Apr. 14, 1875, and his widow m. (2d) Harry Reed.

- 11 I. Albert Sidney, b. Feb. 24, 1874.
 12 II. *Ina L.*, b. Feb. 24, 1866; m., Feb. 24, 1880, Herbert T. Wiswall.

13 GEORGE G. DAVIS, son of Joshua and Eliza (Rice) Davis, b. in Roxbury, Aug. 28, 1842. He was a member of Co. A, 2d Reg. N.H. Vols. He was severely wounded in the arm at the battle of Williamsburg, and at the end of eighteen months received an honorable discharge. He came to Marl. soon after, and m., Jan. 1, 1866, Maria L., dau. of Jedediah T., and Martha (Sargent) Collins. He has for several years held the office of town clerk and treasurer; also represented the town in the Legislature, in 1879.

- 14 I. *Ernest Melvin*, b. May 12, 1867; d. Dec. 5, 1868.
 15 II. *Lester Grant*, b. Aug. 6, 1868.
 16 III. *Clifton Collins*, b. May 31, 1877; d. Jan. 2, 1880.

1 JOHN DAY, from Walpole, Mass., settled, in 1791, on the farm known as the Day place; the house being situated in the orchard north-easterly of the residence of Hiram Collins. After a residence here of nearly twenty years, he removed to Londonderry, Vt., where he died. Mr. Day was said to be the strongest man in town. It is remembered of him that, on one occasion, at the raising of a barn in Roxbury, he easily lifted, with one hand, a weight which none present could with both.

- 2 I. *Clarissa*, ———; m., May 4, 1813, Philander Ware of Franklin, Mass.
 3 II. *John*, ———; m. Roxana Aldrich of Londonderry, Vt., and removed to the West.
 4 III. *Hannah*, b. May 5, 1794; m. Edward Aiken of Londonderry, Vt. He d., and she removed to Triangle, Broom Co., N.Y., where she m. (2d) Chester Osborn; she d. at Glen Arbor, Mich.
 5 IV. *Betsy*, b. Jan. 27, 1796; m., Dec. 25, 1816, James Wiswall; d. at Triangle, N.Y., Feb. 26, 1841.

1 CHARLES DEMMING kept the "old red tavern" for several years, commencing in 1804. He removed to Brighton, Mass., 1810.

- 2 I. *William*, bap. June 10, 1804.
 3 II. *Isaac*, bap. March 23, 1806.
 4 III. *Jonathan*,

- 5 iv. *Annie*.
6 v. *Charles*.

1 DAVID S. DERBY, b. in Leominster, Mass., Nov. 16, 1809; m., Nov. 25, 1834, Marinda M. Creed, b. in Fitchburg, Sept. 11, 1812. Settled first in Leominster, where all their children were born. He came to Marl. Nov., 1863, and located on the Jonadab Baker place, where he now resides.

2 i. *Dorothy Maria*, b. Nov. 24, 1836; d. May 27, 1856.

3 ii. *Charles Henry*, b. Oct. 9, 1838; he was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, a member of Co. A, 36th Reg. Mass. Vols., and was killed at Hanover Court House, May 24, 1864.

4 iii. *Alice L.*, b. Apr. 28, 1841; m. William P. Conant, *q.v.*

5 iv. *Mary F.*, b. July 22, 1851; d. July 12, 1852.

6 v. *Emma June*, b. June 28, 1854.

7 vi. *Hannah L.*, b. May 8, 1858; m. Nov. 25, 1879, Rodney Cudworth; resides in West Rindge.

8 vii. *Francis S.*, b. Oct. 22, 1860.

1 REV. DEMING S. DEXTER, b. at Newark, Vt., June 15, 1815; m., Sept. 19, 1836, Jerusha Humphrey of St. Johnsbury, Vt., b. in Boston, Nov. 13, 1811. (See Chap. VII.) Of their seven children, only the two youngest have resided in Marl.

2 i. *James D.*, b. in Craftsbury, Vt., June 16, 1853; m., Feb. 17, 1872, Carrie L. Taft, b. in Swanzev, Dec. 31, 1852.

1. James Deming, b. in Marl., May 4, 1873; d. Nov. 8, 1873.

2. Abbie H., b. in Keene, Aug. 9, 1874.

3. Addie V., b. in Marl., March 11, 1877.

3 ii. *Hattie D.*, b. in Sutton, Vt., Feb. 18, 1855; unm.

1 ELI DORT, b. in Surry, June 25, 1816; m., Nov. 19, 1840, Caroline E., dau. of Joseph and Hepzibah (Robbins) Cummings; settled in Marl., where he followed the occupation of house-painting and graining, until 1865, when he removed to Keene, where he still resides.

2 i. *Asa C.*, b. July 10, 1843; m., Dec. 27, 1865, Nellie A., dau. of Edwin and Lucy (Wetherbee) Buttrick of Troy, where he now resides, and is engaged in the manufacture of pails and tubs, under the firm-name of E. Buttrick & Co.

- 3 ii. *Eliza Almira*, b. March 30, 1847; m., Jan. 8,
1867, Horace N. Irish of Colchester, Vt.
- 4 iii. *George Gilman*, b. Aug. 27, 1850; m., May 31,
1877, Mary A. Wilson of New Bedford, Mass.;
resides in Keene. Is a druggist.
- 5 iv. *Era Julia*, b. Aug. 16, 1852; m., July 23, 1879,
T. Jewett Lock of Keene.
- 6 v. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 27, 1859.

1 FRANKLIN DUE, son of Elliot and Lois Due, b. in
Hancock, Dec. 5, 1838; m., Oct. 12, 1868, Martha J.,
dan. of Samuel and Lois D. Stearns, b. in Peterborough,
May 14, 1850. He served three years in the late war,
being a member of Co. C, 4th Reg. N.H. Vols.

2 i. *Charley F.*, b. Jan. 1, 1870; d. July 24, 1871.

3 ii. *Willie E.*, b. June 9, 1876.

1 DAVID DUFER came from Bolton, Mass., in 1773, and
settled on land now owned by Ansel L. Nye. The re-
mains of the cellar are still visible on the knoll near the
spring, on the road leading from Charles Ryan's to Ivory
E. Gates's. He resided here but a few years, and then
purchased land and built a house in what is now called
the Dufer orchard, north-easterly of the school-house,
Dist. No. 1. No record of his death or removal from
town has been found.

2 i. *David.*

3 ii. *Hepsy.*

4 iii. *Silas.* He was noted for his love of mischief,
and there are those now living who can testify
to the many mischievous acts committed by
him while a resident of this town.

1 JONATHAN DWINELL came from Keene, about 1818,
and located on the farm now occupied by Gilman Whit-
comb. No record has been found, but the following are
known to have belonged to his family.

2 i. *Abiah.*

3 ii. *Rachel.*

4 iii. *Luther.*

1 JOHN EASTERBROOKS and Hannah, his wife, with
their children, Samuel, Sarah, John, Elizabeth Triphena,
and Lena, from Packersfield, warned to leave town, Feb.
23, 1787, by Jedediah Tayntor, constable. This family
resided for a few years on the Alden place, so called,
between where Josiah Parker now lives and the Cum-
mings pond.

1 DANIEL EMERSON, known as "Dr. Emerson," was b. in Plaistow, N.H., Apr. 19, 1747. Of his ancestry, or his life previous to his coming to Marl., we have no account. He was in town as early as 1771, and was the first settler on the farm since owned by Darius Richardson. He won the title of Dr. from his skill in the treatment of the diseases of domestic animals. Eccentric in character, rapid in speech, and somewhat witty withal, he made for himself many friends. Possessing an inquiring mind, and ever ready to hear the news, his neighbors often practised jokes upon him, which he failed not to take in good part, never harboring malice toward any one, but oftentimes, being quick at repartee, would pay them off in their own coin. Many humorous anecdotes are related of him for which we cannot find place in this volume. He m., Jan. 19, 1775, Lucy, dau. of Lieut. Joseph and Eunice (Matthews) Collins. This is the earliest marriage recorded in the town records. His courtship was short, and peculiar to himself. He had but a slight acquaintance with the object of his affections, and, without consulting the young lady or her parents in regard to the matter, went to the clerk and requested to be published the following Sabbath. On his return home, he met the young lady, and, stopping his horse, addressed her as follows: "Well, Lucy, I have been to be published, been to be published, published to you, published to you. You may forbid it or not, just as you please. If you don't want me, you must forbid it." The young lady, although surprised, concluded not to forbid it, and in due time the marriage took place. Mr. Emerson d. July 11, 1829. We have found no date of the death of his widow, which occurred in Barry, Ill.

- 2 I. *Sally*, ———; m., Dec. 21, 1797, William Comstock of Sullivan.
- 3 II. *Anna*, b. May 27, 1782; m. Samuel Fife, *q.v.*
- 4 III. *Daniel*, b. Jan. 9, 1790; m., May 30, 1809, Ruth, dau. of William and Lydia (Goodale) White; settled on the home farm, where he resided some twenty years. About 1835, he removed to Newfane, Erie Co., N.Y., and thence to Barry, Ill., where he d. Nov., 1872. His wife d. Nov. 9, 1849.
- 5 1. Asbury, b. Apr. 23, 1812; resides in Texas.
- 6 2. Gilman, b. June 11, 1815; m. Orinda Sawyer; settled in Ill., where his widow now resides.
- 7 3. Minot, b. Aug. 26, 1818; m. Eliza Woodward; was a carpenter by trade; d. in Illinois.

- 8 4. Lucy, b. Sept. 26, 1820; m. William Dalton; d. in Illinois.
- 9 5. Ira, b. Aug. 24, 1823; m. Sarah J. Roberts. He is a Methodist minister, now preaching in Illinois.
- 10 6. Amos, b. July 12, 1825; m. Jane Taylor; resides in Texas. He and his brother Asbury are carriage-makers.
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- 11 LIEUT. CALEB EMERSON, probably not related to the preceding family, was b. in Hampstead, N.H., about 1741; m. Abigail French. He settled in Marl., on the place now owned by Thaddeus Metcalf, where he d. Apr. 15, 1811.
- 12 I. *Hannah*, ———; m. ——— Johnson; removed to Vermont.
- 13 II. *Abigail*, ———; m. ——— White of Bridgewater, Vt.
- 14 III. *Sally*, ———; m., March 10, 1802, Francis Curtis of Woodstock, Vt.
- 15 IV. *Robert*, b. Apr. 13, 1778. +
- 16 V. *Caleb*, ———; m., July 22, 1813, Mary Farnsworth; settled in Keene.
- 17 VI. *Joseph*, ———; d. Apr. 28, 1810, æ. 30.
- 18 VII. *Lydia*, ———; d. Nov. 18, 1804, æ. 23.
- 19 VIII. *Ezra*. +
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- (15) ROBERT EMERSON, son of Lieut. Caleb, m., Nov. 14, 1805, Rachel Howard, b. Apr. 20, 1780. Mr. Emerson d. in Marl., Apr. 1, 1824. The family left town soon after the death of the father. Mrs. Emerson d. Feb. 27, 1868.
- 20 I. *Mary Ann*, b. Feb. 22, 1806; m., June 6, 1839, Augustus French; d. May 15, 1860.
- 21 II. *Abigail F.*, b. Jan. 25, 1808; d. Jan. 12, 1863.
- 22 III. *Lydia*, b. Nov. 26, 1809; m., Nov. 9, 1843, George A. Nutt.
- 23 IV. *Caroline*, b. Dec. 15, 1811; m., June 19, 1834, Albert Marshall.
- 24 V. *Sophia Maria*, b. Jan. 23, 1814; m., June 14, 1836, Henry C. Dodge.
- 25 VI. *Joseph II.*, b. Dec. 28, 1815; m., Feb. 21, 1844, Sophronia Pierce of Holliston, Mass.; d. May 20, 1851.
- 26 VII. *Fanny L.*, b. June 14, 1818; d. Oct. 27, 1836.
- 27 VIII. *William R.*, b. Sept. 18, 1820; m., July 18, 1855, Lizzie M. Hall.
- 28 IX. *Robert*, b. June 1, 1824; m., Sept. 30, 1847, Frances Vaughn of Amherst, who d.; and he m. (2d), June 23, 1862, Mrs. Hannah ———.

(19) EZRA EMERSON, son of Lieut. Caleb, m., May 7, 1815, Sally, dau. of Oliver Carter. He was a millwright, and resided in Marl. and Swanzey. The first two children b. in Marl., the others in Swanzey.

29 I. *Franklin Carter*, b. Aug. 19, 1815.

30 II. *Laurinda A.*, b. May 21, 1817.

31 III. *Phebe Carter*, b. Nov. 18, 1820.

32 IV. *Marietta*, b. Apr. 21, 1822.

33 V. *Infant*, b. June 1, 1824; d.

34 VI. *Joseph French*, b. July 12, 1825.

35 VII. *Laura*, b. Sept. 27, 1827.

36 VIII. *An infant son*, b. June 24, 1829; d.

37 IX. *Sally Maria*, b. June 23, 1830.

38 X. *Irina*, b. March 6, 1836.

39 ANDREW J. EMERSON, b. in Ware, N.H., March 6, 1828; m., July 4, 1852, Mary A. Crediford, b. in Abbot, Me., Sept. 15, 1833. He has resided in Charlestown and Cambridge, Mass., also Rindge, N.H., from which place he came to this town in 1871, where he still resides.

40 I. *Arthur H.*, b. in Charlestown, Mass., Jan. 8, 1856; resides in Minnesota.

41 II. *Fred C.*, b. in Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 6, 1857; resides in Minnesota.

42 III. *Florence J.*, b. in Rindge, Nov. 13, 1862; d. Jan. 21, 1879.

43 IV. *Ida May*, b. in Rindge, Jan. 20, 1866.

44 V. *Herman L.*, b. in Rindge, March 28, 1869.

1 HENRY ESTY, son of Aaron and Susannah (Davis) Esty, b. in Roxbury, Apr. 21, 1818. He came to Marl. to reside, 1871; m., Feb. 4, 1874, S. Addie, dau. of James C. and Elizabeth R. (Brown) Breed, b. in Antrim, Sept. 18, 1842.

2 I. *Minetta L.*, b. July 22, 1879.

1 TIMOTHY M. FAIRBANKS, b. in Wrentham, Mass., Feb. 18, 1760; m. Lucy Kendall, b. in Walpole, Mass., Aug. 23, 1764; settled first in Walpole, Mass. He also resided for a short time in Wrentham. About 1799, he came to Marl., and located in the north part of the town, on what is now the Esty place in Roxbury. In 1816, he removed, with his family, to Cambridge, Vt., and subsequently to Waterville, Vt., where he d. Oct. 1, 1844. His widow d. March 16, 1846.

2 I. *Samuel*, b. in Walpole, Mass., Oct. 28, 1788; m., 1813, Lois Willey of Jericho, Vt. He resided

- in Lamoille Co., until 1820, when he removed to Columbia, Bradford Co., Pa.; d. in 1846. She d. 1862. Descendants still living in Pennsylvania.
- 3 ii. *Benjamin*, b. in Walpole, Mass., Jan. 12, 1791; m., 1816, Hannah, dau. of James and Lois (Walker) Bemis. He d. in Richmond, May 29, 1871.
- 4 iii. *John*, b. in Walpole, Mass., Sept. 17, 1794; d. Jan. 22, 1875, um.
- 5 iv. *Lucy*, b. in Wrentham, June 4, 1796; d. in Roxbury, May 9, 1872, um.
- 6 v. *Sally*, b. in Wrentham, Mass., Feb. 10, 1798; d. in Waterville, Vt., May 25, 1876, um.
- 7 vi. *Thomas*, b. Jan. 6, 1800; m. Arvilla Hodskins of Belvidere, Vt.; d. in Manchester, N.H.
- 8 vii. *Susan*, b. Jan. 14, 1802; m., 1826, David Willey of Waterville, Vt.
- 9 viii. *Nancy*, b. Apr. 12, 1804; m. Russell S. Many of Montgomery, Vt.
- 10 ix. *Harriet*, b. 1808; m., 1835, Silas Willey; resides in Waterville, Vt.

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- 1 GEORGE V. R. FARNUM, b. in Chelsea, Vt., Sept. 5, 1812; m., Dec. 2, 1834, Nancy V. Webb, b. in Brookline, Mass., March 17, 1813. He d. of disease contracted in the army, July 3, 1871.
- 2 i. *Oscar W.*, b. Nov. 12, 1835; d. Apr. 22, 1868, um.
- 3 ii. *John R.*, b. Jan. 13, 1839; m., Aug. 15, 1864, Ellen L. Wheeler.
- 4 iii. *Rebecca C.*, b. Sept. 12, 1842; m. L. A. Adams, *q.v.*
- 5 iv. *Mary E.*, b. Oct. 15, 1845; m., Dec. 2, 1863, Charles L. Clark; d. in Jaffrey, Apr. 17, 1867.
- 6 v. *Hattie M.*, b. Aug. 22, 1847; m., Aug. 22, 1867, J. Allen Greenwood; d. Nov. 7, 1871.
- 7 vi. *William C.*, b. May 22, 1849.
- 8 vii. *Charles E.*, b. March 5, 1852.
- 9 viii. *Daniel E. J.*, b. Apr. 7, 1855.

FARRAR.

The name of Farrar is said to have been derived from the Latin and French word signifying iron, and was, doubtless, first used to designate a locality where that metal was found. As a family name, it was first known in England from Walkeline de Ferrars, a Norman of distinction, attached to William, Duke of Normandy, before the invasion of 1066. From him all, of the name in England and America, are descended. His son, Henry de Ferrars, was the first of the family to settle in England, which he did soon after the Conquest. The family after-

wards became very numerous in England. Among the original proprietors of Lancaster, Mass., were two brothers by the name of John and Jacob Farrar. They were there as early as 1653. Tradition tells us that they came from Lancashire, England. Jacob Farrar, the youngest of the two, was probably thirty years old, or more, when he came to this country. His wife and children remained in England till a new residence was prepared for them in Lancaster, 1658. During King Philip's War, he had two sons killed. He d. in Woburn, Aug. 14, 1677. His eldest son, Jacob, b. in England probably about 1642, m., 1668, Hannah, dau. of George Hayward. He was killed by the Indians, Aug. 22, 1675. George, second son of Jacob, Jr., b. Aug. 16, 1670, m., Sept. 9, 1692, Mary Howe, and settled in that part of Concord, now Lincoln. He was brought up a farmer. When he was twenty-one years of age, he had but a quarter of a dollar. Calling together his companions, he told them he would treat them with all he had, and begin the world square. He is said to have been a man of great energy and thrift. He d. May 15, 1760. His wife d. Apr. 12, 1761.

Daniel, the second son of George and Mary (Howe) Farrar, b. Nov. 30, 1696; m. Hannah Fletcher; settled in Sudbury, and d. about 1755. Josiah, the eldest son of Daniel, b. Sept., 1722; m., 1745, Hannah, dau. of John Taylor, of Northborough, a man of considerable note and a Tory of the Revolution, whose name was borne by a former Governor of New Hampshire, John Taylor Gilman. Josiah Farrar d. in Marl., Nov. 24, 1808, having come here to reside with his son Phinehas. His wife d. Feb. 10, 1810.

Daniel Farrar, a brother of Josiah, b. 1724; m., 1748, Mary —. They were the parents of Daniel and George, who settled in this town, and are numbered 57 and 69 in the following register.

1 PHINEHAS FARRAR, son of Josiah and Hannah (Taylor) Farrar, b. in Sudbury, Aug. 20, 1747; m. Lovina Warren of Marl., Mass. In 1768, he came to this town, purchased several lots of land, and built a small house in the southerly part of the township, in what is now Troy, and near the spot where Jonas Bemis formerly lived. In 1773 or 1774, he went to Newfane, Vt., where he resided about two years, at the expiration of which time he returned to Marl. In 1788, he exchanged farms with Benoni Robbins, who then resided on the Artemas Collins place. He immediately sold the latter place, and bought the farm afterwards owned by his son James, where Ansel Nye now resides. He d. Apr. 1, 1841, æ. 94. His widow d. Feb. 17, 1845, æ. 92.

- 2 I. *Phinehas*, b. Nov. 12, 1771. +
 3 II. *John*, b. Aug. 24, 1773; m. Cynthia Stone.
 4 III. *Betsey*, b. Jan. 18, 1776; m. Elijah Frost, *q.v.*
 5 IV. *Calvin*, b. Jan. 11, 1778; m. Bethsheba B. Bates of Brimfield, and resided in Waterford, Me., where he d. Feb. 9, 1819. His eldest dau., Caroline Eliza, b. 1804, m. Levi Brown of Waterford, Me., and was the mother of Charles Farrar Brown, whose *nom de plume* was Artemas Ward.

- 6 v. *Luther* (twin to Calvin), b. Jan. 11, 1778; m. Mercy Whiting of New Ipswich; was a lawyer, and settled in Norway, Me.; d. March, 1812 (see Chap. XIII).
- 7 vi. *Josiah*, b. Apr. 1780; m. Betsey Prince of Waterford, Me., where he settled and d.
- 8 vii. *Bildad* (who on becoming of age took the name of William), b. Oct. 21, 1782.†
- 9 viii. *Daniel W.*, b. Feb. 22, 1786; m., May 24, 1812, Eliza, dau. of Dr. Ebenezer Wright; settled in Troy, where he was for more than fifty years one of the most enterprising men of the town. His name was identified with almost every public act; and, although his position at times may have been violently assailed, yet all have been willing to give him the credit of acting from the best of motives. In some respects, he was a remarkable man. He possessed good native talent, an active mind, and was quick of apprehension; but his school advantages were very limited. But he had a mind for improvement, and an energy which enabled him to overcome the most formidable obstacles, and to make up in good measure the deficiency of early school advantages. He d. March 7, 1860.
- 10 1. David Warren, b. Jan. 30, 1817; m., June 29, 1841, Hannah Wheeler; resides in Troy.
- 11 2. Eliza Wright, b. Sept. 26, 1818; m., Aug. 17, 1844, Rev. Alfred Stevens; d. Dec. 8, 1844.
- 12 3. Helen Maria, b. June 15, 1820; m., June 7, 1848, Rev. A. Jenkins; d. May 22, 1851.
- 13 4. Edward, b. Nov. 14, 1822; m., Aug. 23, 1858, Caroline Brainard. He graduated at Harvard Law School 1847; resides in Keene; is clerk of the Court for Cheshire Co., and has also been mayor of the city.
- 14 5. Sarah, b. Sept. 28, 1824; d. March 27, 1838.
- 15 6. Daniel, b. May 29, 1836; was a physician; d. in Leominster, Mass.
- 16 ix. *David*, b. July 5, 1788; d. at Waterford, Me., May, 1817.
- 17 x. Twins. { *Nancy*, b. March 16, 1792; d. May 14, 1795.
- 18 xi. { *James*, b. March 16, 1792.†

(2) PHINEHAS FARRAR, son of Phinehas, m., May, 1794, Abigail, dau. of Eliphalet and Lydia (Goddard) Stone; settled in Dublin on Sect. 22, Range 1, which by an act of the Legislature was annexed to Marl. in 1818. His wife d. Jan. 24, 1840. He afterwards removed to Michigan, where he d. Sept. 24, 1855.

19 I. *Cynthia*, b. Apr. 20, 1795. She was a successful teacher in Boston, but was led to think of becoming a missionary in connection with matrimonial prospects. Just here is an element of romance in her history, which may not be dwelt upon at length. Suffice it to say those prospects were not realized, though it was no fault of her own. The paths of the parties lay widely apart. Having put her hand to the plough, Miss Farrar was not one to look back, and so she went alone. She left America in 1827, and was the first single lady to go as a teacher from this country to India.

As has been said, her field was in India, and she had for her associates such men and women as the Graveses, Burgesses, and others whose names are venerated in missionary annals. By them she was held in high regard, her counsels were often sought, and her judgment was much respected. She was not only a teacher, but a housekeeper also, and in this position commanded the respect and esteem of both native and English residents among whom she resided. In reply to some unfriendly criticisms on the keeping of servants by missionary families, she once said, after stating circumstances in vindication of the custom, that, "of sixteen girls who had lived with her at different times, she had reason to believe all or nearly all were no longer idolaters, and several gave evidence of true change of heart." Testimonials of regard were at different times sent her by her friends at the English residency in both Bombay and Calcutta; and once, when her horse fell with her and was killed, another and more valuable animal, with equipments complete, was presented to her by some of them, with most flattering expressions of the esteem in which they held both her and her work.

Although of different church relations from herself, they yet recognized and thus acknowledged her worth and the value of her labors. To her more immediate associates, she also

- greatly endeared herself by her comforting ministrations in times of sickness and sorrow, as may be learned from her letters, still in possession of relatives. Of her death, which occurred Jan. 24, 1862, we have no particulars; but she was full of days, and had finished her work. Her name shall be held in everlasting remembrance. Her record is on high.
- 20 II. *Charles*, b. Nov. 16, 1796; m., March 12, 1822, Dorcas, dau. of Abraham Coolidge; removed to Michigan.
- 21 III. *Nancy*, b. Oct. 20, 1798; m. Asa Holman, *q.v.*
- 22 IV. *Philinda*, b. Feb. 24, 1801; m. George H. Lane, *q.v.*
- 23 V. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 12, 1802; resided in Romeo, Mich.; d. Aug. 24, 1873, um.
- 24 VI. *Edmund W.*, b. Nov. 16, 1804; m., June 6, 1838, Harriet Kerchdale of Columbia, Tenn.; resided in Nashville.
- 25 VII. *Ruth*, b. Aug. 8, 1807; m., Nov. 16, 1829, Minot T. Lane; removed to Detroit, Mich.; d. Jan. 9, 1863.
- 26 VIII. *Minot*, b. Sept. 22, 1810; m., Nov. 24, 1834, Mabel Barns of Whitesborough, N.Y.; settled in Romeo, Mich. In Nov., 1837, he returned to Marl., where he resided until March, 1858, when he removed to Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where he d. Apr. 18, 1874.
- 27 1. *Caroline E.*, b. Sept. 8, 1836; m., Apr. 21, 1875, Samuel T. Bird; resides in Boston.
- 28 2. *George H.*, b. Jan. 14, 1840; m., July, 1870, Meta M. Macarty of Philadelphia.
- 29 IX. *Caroline*, b. March 24, 1813; d. Dec. 17, 1834.
- 30 X. *Luther*, b. Sept. 14, 1817; d. in Michigan, Feb., 1870.
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- (8) WILLIAM FARRAR, sixth son of Phinehas; m., Nov. 27, 1812, Nancy, dau. of Levi and Hannah (Baker) Whitecomb; settled on the eastern half of home farm; d. Dec. 28, 1863. His wife d. Sept. 3, 1861.
- 31 I. *Eliza*, b. Dec. 12, 1815; d. Sept. 21, 1846, um.
- 32 II. *Alonzo*, b. Aug. 6, 1818; m., Sept. 16, 1845, Nancy S. Bailey of Jaffrey; she d., and he m. (2d), Dec. 20, 1852, Louisa Stone of Nelson; resides in Sullivan.
- 33 III. *Arvilla*, b. June 7, 1820; m., May 25, 1848, Charles Ryan, *q.v.*

- 34 iv. *William*, b. March 14, 1822; m., Apr. 20, 1854, Almira B. Taggard, b. in Hillsboro, Oct. 16, 1825. He d. May 19, 1869; and his widow m. (2d) Moses S. Deeth, resides in Rindge.
- 35 1. Emma Eliza, b. Sept. 1, 1856; d. July 26, 1861.
- 36 2. Sarah Lizzie, b. Sept. 12, 1859.
- 37 3. Ida Florence, b. June 4, 1867.
- 38 v. *Culvin*, b. March 21, 1824; m., May 1, 1849, Atossa F., dau. of Charles and Emily (Frost) Gilbert; resides on the farm formerly owned by Charles Gilbert.
- 39 1. Charles Edwin, b. Feb. 8, 1850; resides in Fitchburg.
- 40 vi. *Myron*, b. Aug. 2, 1826; d. Dec. 21, 1826.
- 41 vii. *Maria A.*, b. Sept. 3, 1829; d. June 26, 1861, um.
- 42 viii. *Edwin*, b. Sept. 18, 1832; m., Oct. 4, 1855, Louisa C. Bailey of Jaffrey; is a machinist; resides in Springfield, Mass., c.

(18) DEACON JAMES FARRAR, youngest son of Phinehas, m., Feb. 22, 1816, Roxanna, dau. of Col. Joseph and Zilpha (Roberts) Frost; settled on the home farm. He was for more than thirty years a deacon of the Congregationalist Church. Mrs. Farrar d. Nov. 6, 1845; and he m. (2d), June 3, 1846, Zoa Noyes of Westmoreland, who d. Jan. 26, 1876. He d. Nov. 3, 1861. Children by first wife.

- 43 i. *Nancy*, b. July 29, 1817; d. June 5, 1840, um.
- 44 ii. *Harriet*, b. Nov. 18, 1818; m. Henry T. Wiswall, *q.v.*
- 45 iii. *Caroline*, b. Apr. 13, 1820; d. Dec. 12, 1825.
- 46 iv. *Orinda*, b. Apr. 22, 1822; d. July 4, 1840.
- 47 v. *Warren*, b. Dec. 26, 1823; m., Dec. 31, 1857, Mrs. Louisa J. Woodward; d. Jan. 25, 1867.
- 48 1. Anna, b. Oct. 2, 1858; d. March 25, 1864.
- 49 vi. *Sumner*, b. March 6, 1826; d. Feb. 28, 1854, um.
- 50 vii. *Elwira*, b. Nov. 22, 1827; m. Albert Whitcomb, *q.v.*
- 51 viii. *Cyrus S.*, b. Sept. 29, 1829; m., Dec., 1849, Sarah Jane Spaulding, who d. Feb. 8, 1851; m. (2d), Aug., 1851, Mary E. Pratt of Lowell, Mass. He was a member of a Wisconsin Reg. in the war of the Rebellion.
- 52 ix. *Miron W.*, b. Feb. 9, 1832; d. May 10, 1832.
- 53 x. *Emily F.*, b. June 24, 1833; m. Loren L. Moors, *q.v.*

- 54 XI. *Caroline A.*, b. July 19, 1835; m. Cyrus S. Moors, *q.c.*
- 55 XII. *Minot*, b. Oct. 29, 1837; was a Corporal in the 5th Wisconsin Reg.; was in the battles before Richmond, and soon after was taken sick and d. in the hospital at Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1862, unm.
- 56 XIII. *Francis M.*, b. Nov. 26, 1842; m., Sept. 16, 1867, Mrs. Harriet M. Rust, widow of Nathaniel Rust; resided in Keene, where he d. Dec. 31, 1871, c.
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- 57 DANIEL FARRAR, son of Daniel and Mary Farrar of Lincoln, Mass., was b. March 25, 1755. He served for a short time in the war of the Revolution. Soon after his return from the army, he m. a dau. of John Bruce of Sudbury, and settled in Lincoln, where he resided until 1799, when he purchased a lot of land in the southerly part of Marl. and now included in Troy. Early in the following spring, he built a log house, to which he removed his family, and devoted his time to clearing and cultivating his land. He possessed a strong constitution, and was able to perform more labor than most men. He d. Nov. 13, 1837. His wife d. Aug. 20, 1838.
- 58 I. *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 23, 1776; m. (1st) Nathan Platts, (2d) S. Rockwood.
- 59 II. *Daniel*, b. March 24, 1778; d. æ. 3 years.
- 60 III. *Lucy*, b. Oct. 31, 1780; m. Caleb Winch; d. 1848.
- 61 IV. *Daniel*, b. Nov. 10, 1782; m., 1806, Lucena, dau. of Daniel Millin of Fitzwilliam; settled in Troy.
- 62 V. *Samuel*, b. Apr. 15, 1785; m. Lydia, a dau. of Moses Cutting; settled in Vermont.
- 63 VI. *John B.*, b. Dec. 17, 1787. †
- 64 VII. *Mary*, b. Apr. 14, 1790; m. William Winch; removed to the West.
- 65 VIII. *Sally*, b. Feb. 16, 1792; m. — Collins; d. 1843.
- 66 IX. *William*, b. Feb. 18, 1794; m. Betsey Whittemore; removed to the West.
- 67 X. *Nancy*, b. Jan. 5, 1797; m. A. Rawson; d. in Vermont.
- 68 XI. *Tryphena*, b. Oct. 21, 1799; m. Robert Fitz; d. in New Ipswich, 1842.

69 GEORGE FARRAR, a brother of Daniel, came to Marl. in 1783, and located in what is now Troy. In 1789, he

sold his farm to Hezekiah Coolidge; and after a residence of two years in Templeton, Mass., he purchased a farm on what is now called "West Hill" in Troy, where he d. Nov. 1, 1824. His widow d. March 26, 1825.

- 70 I. *George*, b. Dec. 8, 1784; m. (1st) Naomi Starkey, who d. Sept. 2, 1842; m. (2d) Sally, dau. of John Whitney.
- 71 II. *Nahum*, b. Nov. 7, 1786; d. 1812.
- 72 III. *Stephen*, b. Jan. 1, 1789; m., Dec. 7, 1815, Delila, dau. of Jonathan and Delila (Rhodes) Bemis. She d. July 31, 1838.
- 73 IV. *Patty*, b. Apr. 21, 1793; d. 1810.
- 74 V. *Sally*, b. Sept. 11, 1797; m. Luther Bemis, *q.v.*

(63) JOHN B. FARRAR, son of Daniel, m., Aug. 15, 1810, Anna, dau. of Timothy and Martha (Long) Harvey; settled first in Hinsdale, afterward in Marl., on the farm of Timothy Harvey, since owned by Ebenezer Greenwood. He d. Oct. 14, 1854. His widow removed to Carthage, Jefferson Co., N.Y., where she d. Jan. 14, 1870.

- 75 I. *Samantha*, b. June 1, 1811; m. — Worcester; removed to Canada, and thence to Illinois.
- 76 II. *Adaline*, b. Apr. 20, 1813; resides in Carthage, N.Y., *um.*
- 77 III. *Emily*, b. Feb. 1, 1815; m., May 9, 1835, William Jones; removed to Carthage, N.Y.
- 78 IV. *Amanda*, b. Apr. 18, 1817; m. Loren C. Frost; d. June 27, 1845.
- 79 V. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 15, 1819; d. Apr. 8, 1833.
- 80 VI. *Martha*, b. Sept. 11, 1821.
- 81 VII. *J. Eldridge*, b. Aug. 11, 1823; m., and settled in Denmark, N.Y.
- 82 VIII. *Harvey D.*, b. March 2, 1828; m., June 1, 1853, Caroline R., dau. of Silas and Achsah (Holman) McCollester, who d. Oct. 8, 1854; and he m. (2d), Jan. 1, 1862, Ellen A. McCollester, sister of his first wife; resides in Carthage, N.Y.

FELTON.

NATHANIEL FELTON, b. in England, 1616; was in Salem, Mass., in 1633. The following year he went back to England, and returned to this country in 1635, with his mother and brother Benjamin, and settled in Salem, where he d. in 1705. He had, among other children, John, who m., 1670, Mary Tompkins. Samuel, son of John, m., 1709, Sarah Goodale, and had nine children. Jacob, the third child, b. 1712, removed to Marl., Mass., 1738, and soon after m. Sarah, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth Barrett. She d. 1742, æ. 27; and he m. (2d), July 27, 1749, Hezadiah, dau. of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Rice) Howe, who d. Feb. 25, 1819, æ. 93. He d. Nov. 20, 1789.

- 1 JOHN FELTON, son of Samuel and Sarah (Barrett) Felton, b. in Marl., Mass., Nov. 9, 1741; m., Jan. 23, 1766, Persis Rogers, a sister of John Rogers of this town. He is first mentioned in the proprietors' records in 1767, when he was chosen one of a committee of three to serve as trustees of the school-money. He was the first to make a clearing, and bring into a state of cultivation the farm now owned by Rufus S. Frost. He removed to Cooperstown, N.Y., previous to 1800. Children born in Marl.
- 2 I. *John*, b. Sept. 17, 1766.
- 3 II. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 10, 1768.
- 4 III. *Elizabeth*, b. May 20, 1770.
- 5 IV. *Jedediah*, b. Feb. 2, 1773.
- 6 V. *Jacob*, b. Dec. 6, 1774; d. Nov. 23, 1776.
- 7 VI. *Levi*, b. July 22, 1776.
- 8 VII. *Persis*, b. Jan. 16, 1779.
- 9 VIII. *Anna Sophia*, b. Apr. 5, 1782.
- 10 IX. *Sylvanus*, b. Aug. 22, 1785.

1 JAMES FIELD was in town as early as 1770, and was that year allowed £2 13s. 10d. for work done about the meeting-house. He resided on the place near the Cummings pond, afterwards owned by Moses Alden. About 1787, he removed to Nelson, probably exchanging farms with John Esterbrook.

2 DEXTER FIELD, b. in Leverett, Franklin Co., Mass., Aug. 9, 1812; m., March, 1836, Celinda, dau. of Dea. Andrew and Sally (Adams) Spooner of Oakham, Mass., b. Oct. 7, 1814. He resided ten years or more, after marriage, in Leverett, and then removed to Montague, where he lived seven years. In 1854, he came to Marl., and located on the Éber Tenney place, now owned by Amos A. Mason, where he d. Sept. 3, 1867. His widow now resides in Jaffrey.

- 3 I. *Charles Allen*, b. in Leverett, Mass., June 24, 1837; resides in Jaffrey, um.
- 4 II. *Daniel Adams*, b. in Leverett, Mass., July 17, 1839; m., Aug., 1866, Mary E., dau. of George W. and Mary (Bemis) Brown of Troy; resides in Jaffrey.
- 5 III. *Arthur Wells*, b. in Leverett, Mass., Oct. 2, 1846; m., Nov. 19, 1868, S. Delia, dau. of Mirick and Charlotte E. D. Stimpson of Ashburnham; resides in Leominster, Mass.
- 6 IV. *Idella Celinda*, b. in Montague, Aug. 30, 1849; d. March 11, 1863.

- 7 | v. *Frances Dexter*, b. in Montague, Sept. 10, 1851;
d. March 4, 1863.
- 8 | vi. *Edwin Leroy*, b. in Marl., Nov. 20, 1856; d.
March 21, 1863.

FIFE.

"The surname Fife claims to be descended from a younger son of Fife Macduff, Earl of Fife, from which title they have the name and carry the arms."—*Lower's Family Names of the United Kingdom*. "It is not doubted that those of the name of Fife are descendants of Fife Macduff. They have the paternal arms of Macduff."—*Old Manuscript furnished by Joseph Bainbridge Fife, M.D.* While it is true that the name had its origin in the foregoing manner, it is believed to have also been assumed by natives of the county of Fife, Scotland, other than descendants of Fife Macduff, and, as applied to their descendants, is a local surname. The county is spelled Fife, but in Scotland the surname is most often spelled Fyfe.

This is one of the oldest families in Scotland, as is shown by its frequent and honorable mention in Scotland's history from the very commencement of the use of surnames, and by traditions handed down in the family from generation to generation. James and William were the ancestors of the Fife family in this country. They were natives of Fife-shire, Scotland, and were among the early settlers of Bolton, Mass. James m. Patience Butler, a native of Bolton. They had twelve children, among whom were Silas, and Robert, who is number 24 in the following register.

- 1 | DEA. SILAS FIFE, son of James and Patience (Butler) Fife, b. in Bolton, Mass., Oct. 4, 1743; m., Aug. 15, 1772, Abigail Houghton, a native of Bolton. He was one of the earliest settlers of this town, and located on the farm, now in Troy, since owned by Dea. Abel Baker (see Chap. II.). In 1779, Mr. Fife united with the Congregational Church in Marl., of which he was made one of the deacons June 22, 1791, and continued to hold that office until Sept. 3, 1815, when he withdrew from the Marl. Church in order to unite with the Congregational Church in Troy, on account of the latter being much nearer his residence. He also held various positions of honor and trust in town, with credit to himself and advantage to his fellow-citizens. He d. in Troy, May 23, 1836. His wife d. March 25, 1823, æ. 72.
- 2 | i. *Samuel*, b. June 27, 1773.†
- 3 | ii. *Betsey*, b. May 3, 1775; m. William Tenney, *q.v.*
- 4 | iii. *Silas*, b. Apr. 21, 1777; m. Abigail Johnson. For a number of years, he was engaged in teaching school in the vicinity of Marl., and was afterward associated with his brother Samuel in merchandising. He finally removed to Halifax, Vt., where he d. Apr. 12, 1834.

- 5 1. Otis, b. July 17, 1810; m., Oct. 15, 1832,
Temperance Pearce; d. in Oswego, N.Y.,
May 2, 1843.
- 6 iv. *John*, b. Feb. 6, 1779.†
- 7 v. *James*, b. Nov. 14, 1780; m. Mrs. Coy; d. in
Troy, 1840.
- 8 vi. *Abigail*, b. Dec. 2, 1782; d. in childhood.
- 9 vii. *Benjamin*, b. March 24, 1786; m. Betsey Newton;
d. in Troy, Nov. 24, 1842.
- 10 viii. *Amos*, b. Oct. 14, 1790; m. Nancy, dau. of Reu-
ben Ward. He d. in Boston, Dec. 18, 1830.
- 11 ix. *Timothy*, b. Apr. 24, 1792; m., Jan. 24, 1821,
Mary Jones; d. in Troy, Dec. 12, 1871.
- 12 x. *Nathan*, b. Feb. 22, 1795; m. Margaret Bird; d.
at Isle-au-Haute, Me., Oct., 1834.

(2) SAMUEL FIFE, eldest son of Dea. Silas, m., Sept. 6,
1806, Anna, dau. of Daniel and Lucy (Collins) Emerson,
b. in Marl., May 27, 1782, and d. in Jaffrey, July 28,
1818. He m. (2d), Apr. 1, 1819, Sarah Thayer, b. in
Richmond, Aug. 15, 1776, and d. in Elmore, Vt., June
20, 1847. In early life, he taught school for several
years, and afterward engaged in mercantile business, in
company with his brother Silas. Late in life, he re-
moved to Chelsea, Vt., where he was successfully
engaged in farming for a number of years, and from
thence to Elmore, Vt., where he d. Oct. 15, 1851. Chil-
dren by first wife:—

- 13 i. *Almond*, b. March 4, 1811; m., Jan. 5, 1841,
Marinda Peck; d. Sept. 3, 1868.
- 14 ii. *Abba*, b. July 5, 1814; m., Jan. 28, 1836, Char-
lotte Courser; lives in Irvington, Iowa.
- 15 iii. *Mira*, b. Apr. 19, 1818; m. Jason M. Kendrick of
Wilmington, N.Y.; d. Apr. 5, 1848.

Children by second wife:—

- 16 iv. *Emerson*, b. Nov. 13, 1819; d. Nov., 1853, um.
- 17 v. *Silas*, b. Apr. 20, 1825; m., Jan. 1, 1857, Sarah
Allen; resides in Chicago, Ill.

(6) JOHN FIFE, third son of Dea. Silas; m. Sarah Seward,
b. March 27, 1774; d. in Peterboro, Aug. 24, 1858. He
remained in town but a few years after his marriage,
then removed to Jaffrey, where he was engaged in farm-
ing for many years, and thence to Peterboro, where
he d. May 7, 1843.

- 18 i. *Abigail*, b. July 29, 1800; m., Oct. 12, 1823,
Samuel Stratton; resides in Jaffrey.
- 19 ii. *William*, b. Nov. 23, 1803; m., Apr. 27, 1833,

- Ruth Gott; m. (2d), Dec. 22, 1847, Sarah Sellers; d. at Ellsworth, Me., June 2, 1857.
- 20 III. *John*, b. Jan. 31, 1807; m., Nov. 4, 1830, Caroline Stone; resides in Charlotte, N.Y.
- 21 IV. *Mary*, b. June 27, 1808; d. 1828, um.
- 22 V. *Elmira*, b. Aug. 11, 1811; resides in Peterboro, um.
- 23 VI. Twins. *Elwira*, b. Aug. 11, 1811; resides in Peterboro, um.
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- 24 ROBERT FIFE, a brother of Dea. Silas Fife, b. in Bolton, Mass., March 11, 1747; m., July 11, 1776, Hepzibah Bash of Marl., Mass. He resided for a few years in this town on a lot of land near his brother, and then returned to Mass., where he d. in Apr., 1785. He had children as follows, all of whom, except Jesse, were b. in Bolton.
- 25 I. *Lucy*, b. Jan. 1, 1777; d. in infancy.
- 26 II. *Hannah*, b. July 29, 1778; m. Solomon Moore; d. in Hillsboro', Feb. 21, 1841.
- 27 III. *Lucy*, b. May 18, 1780; m. Curtis Pollard; d. in Bolton, Sept. 26, 1846.
- 28 IV. *Hepzibah*, b. Nov. 30, 1781; m. Asa Goss; d. in Sterling, Mass., 1871.
- 29 V. *Robert*, b. Sept. 27, 1783; m. Larhuhannah Nelson; removed to Florida, Mass., where he was deacon of the Congregational Church, and held nearly all the responsible offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen. He d. Nov. 24, 1846.
- 30 VI. *Jesse*, ———; removed to Florida, Mass., where he m. Lydia Kemp; d. Sept. 22, 1839.
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- 1 PAUL FIFIELD, b. in Concord, N.H., Aug. 6, 1763; m. Temperance Furber, a native of Portsmouth. She was a sister of Nathaniel Furber, a potter who resided for some time in this town and Dublin. Mr. Fifield came to Marl. previous to 1800, and settled in that part of Roxbury set off from Marlboro', being the first settler on what is known as the "old Fifield place." He d. July 22, 1840. His widow d. in 1855.
- 2 I. *Samuel*, b. Nov. 27, 1791; m. Almira Allen of Walpole; removed to Otselic, N.Y.
- 3 II. *Asa*, b. Apr. 11, 1794; d. in Painsville, Ohio.
- 4 III. *Gardner*, b. Jan. 15, 1796; m. Hepsibeth Greenleaf of Medford, Mass., where he settled, and d. in 1850.
- 5 IV. *Ira*, b. Jan. 11, 1798; m. Irena Allen of Walpole; removed to Otselic, N.Y.

6	v. <i>Betsey</i> , b. March 21, 1800; m. Elias Tozer; resides in Illinois.
7	vi. <i>Stillman</i> , b. June 12, 1802; m., Sept. 28, 1828, Julia Robbins of Nelson; resided for many years in Roxbury, then removed to Marl., and thence to Swanzey, where he d. Dec. 15, 1878.
8	vii. <i>Cynthia</i> , b. Feb., 1806; m. Alvah Foster; removed to Wheatland, Mich., where she d. March 28, 1875.
9	viii. <i>Lucina</i> , b. Jan., 1808; m. Nahum Nims; resides in Sullivan.
1	REV. HALLOWAY FISH, son of Rev. Elisha Fish, was b. in Upton, Mass., Aug. 2, 1762; graduated at Dartmouth College 1790, and was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church, Sept. 25, 1793 (see Chap. VI.). His wife was Hannah, dau. of Jonas and Persis (Baker) Brigham of Westborough, Mass. He d. Sept. 1, 1824. She d. Sept. 1, 1824. He adopted two children, a niece and nephew of his wife.
2	i. <i>Hannah</i> , b. in Westborough, 1796; m. Silas Paine of Randolph, Mass.
3	ii. <i>Halloway</i> , b. in Westborough, Mass., Sept. 2, 1801 (see Brigham family).

FITCH.

JOHN FITCH, with his wife and two children, removed in 1739 from Bradford, Mass., to that part of Lunenburg now included in Ashby. His abode was several miles distant from his nearest neighbors, and was described by him as "seven miles and a half above Lunenburg meeting-house, and three miles and a half above any of the inhabitants, on the road leading from Lunenburg to Northfield." The settlers in that vicinity, apprehensive of an attack from the Indians, assisted Mr. Fitch in fortifying his house; and early in the year 1748 four soldiers were stationed within the garrison. Mr. Fitch was a man of considerable distinction. He had traded much with the Indians, and his frontier position was well known. It appears that they had resolved upon his capture; and a party of them, not far from eighty in number, stealthily approached his abode during the absence of two of the soldiers, and, on the morning of July 5, 1748, suddenly fell upon him and his two remaining companions, who were a short distance from the garrison. One of the soldiers, named Zaccheus Blodgett, was instantly killed. Mr. Fitch and the other soldier, named Jennings, escaped within the enclosure, where they made a stout resistance for an hour and a half, when Jennings received a fatal wound in the neck, from a shot through a port-hole. The wife of Mr. Fitch loaded the guns, while her husband continued his efforts to repel the assault. The Indians at last assured him that, if he persisted in firing, he and his family should perish in the flames of the building; but, if he would surrender, they promised to spare the lives of all within his house. A surrender was then made, and the house and fences were burned by the Indians; and Mr. Fitch, accompanied by his

wife and five children, was conducted to Montreal. The ages of the children were, respectively, five months, four, five and one half, eleven, and thirteen years. A company of men from Lunenburg and vicinity, under command of Major Hartwell, started in pursuit, early the following morning. The Indians proceeded along the south side of Watatic Mountain, and made their first stop at the meeting-house in Ashburnham, the inhabitants of which town had abandoned their settlement but a short time previous. It is probable that they continued their course through the eastern portion of Rindge, and thence by way of Spofford Gap in a more northern direction. Somewhere in the township of Ashburnham, the pursuing party discovered a piece of paper fastened to a tree, containing a few lines written by Fitch, imploring his friends not to attempt his rescue, as the Indians had promised to spare their lives, if unmolested, but threatened instant death to himself and family, if his friends attempted to deprive them of their captives. The pursuing party then returned. After enduring the severest hardships in their long journey through the wilderness and in captivity, the family were ransomed by their friends in Bradford. After bravely enduring the perils of captivity, the wife of Mr. Fitch sickened while returning, and died in Providence, Dec. 24, 1748, nearly six months after the date of capture. The others returned to their former home in Ashby.

Mr. Fitch used to relate that among the plunder taken from his premises by the Indians, was a heavy draft chain, which one of them carried upon his shoulders to Canada, and there bartered it for a quart of rum. Paul, one of the children, then between five and six years of age, was strapped upon the back of an Indian, and performed the journey more easily than other members of the family. He always remembered this experience of his childhood, and used to say that, brought into such close contact with his animated vehicle, the smell of the Indian made him sick, and that he cried so lustily the savage turned him about and again bound him to his back. With his face toward his former home, and blindly entering the unknown future, the journey was continued. His new position was a truthful symbol of the uncertainty of his fortunes. Jacob, another of the sons of Mr. Fitch, then four years of age, and who subsequently was one of the early school-masters in Rindge, suffered more severely. Though in other respects well formed, his lower limbs were of dwarfish size, on account of the rigor with which he was bound to the back of his Indian transport. John Fitch m. (2d), Feb. 14, 1750-51, Elizabeth (Bowers) Peirce. He took an active part in securing an act for the incorporation of Fitchburg, and from him that city received its name. He resided a few years in Rindge, after which he returned to Ashby, where he d. Apr. 8, 1795.

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- 1 PAUL FITCH, son of John, b. June 15, 1744; m., Apr., 1767, Mary Jaquith of Billerica, Mass., b. June 25, 1744, who was the mother of his nine children, and d. Feb. 18, 1800; and he m. (2d), in Rindge, Jan. 7, 1802, Joanna (Rice) Walker, widow of Samuel Walker. He settled first in Rindge, and entered the army from that town, being a member of Capt. Stone's Company in 1777. Soon after his discharge, he removed to Jaffrey, and subsequently came to Marl., where he d. May 2, 1818.
- 2 1. *Hannah*, b. June 25, 1768; m. John Moore of Sharon, N.H.

- 3 II. *John*, b. Oct. 1, 1770; m. Hannah —; d. in
Cleveland, Ohio, 1841.
- 4 III. *Paul*, b. June 21, 1773.†
- 5 IV. *Mary*, b. March 15, 1776; m., Apr. 15, 1799,
William Moore of Sharon. He d. Oct. 6,
1823; she d. Oct. 23, 1835, in Rindge.
- 6 V. *Alice*, b. Apr. 11, 1779; d., 1859, um.
- 7 VI. *Abigail*, b. Feb. 26, 1782; m. Joseph Piper of
Jaffrey.
- 8 VII. *Jacob*, b. Feb. 20, 1785; d. Aug. 19, 1852, um.
- 9 VIII. *Susannah*, b. Oct. 2, 1789; m. (1st), Aug. 7, 1808,
David Blood. He was killed by falling upon
the water-wheel in the saw-mill at the outlet
of Stone Pond, May 2, 1813. She m. (2d),
Apr. 3, 1815, Joseph Tolman, *q.v.* By Mr.
Blood, she had one child.
- 10 1. David, b. Jan. 28, 1813.
- 11 IX. *Luther Jaquith*, b. Sept. 8, 1792; m. Jane Hoyt;
resided in Hopkinton, N.H.
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- (4) PAUL FITCH, son of Paul, m., Nov. 25, 1802, Sarah
Walker, dau. of Samuel and Joanna (Rice) Walker of
Rindge. She d. Nov. 14, 1814, and he m. (2d), Dec. 21,
1815, Sarah Davis. He resided for many years in Marl.,
and subsequently removed to Claremont, where he d.
Dec. 18, 1843. Children by first wife:—
- 12 I. *Paul*, —; m. (1st) — Heard, (2d) Maria
Gould of Bellows Falls; resides in Claremont.
- 13 II. *Josiah*, b. July 29, 1805.†
- 14 III. *Sarah*, —; m. Warren Batcheller of Lynn,
Mass.; d. May 8, 1868.
- 15 IV. *A child*, b. 1810; d. Nov. 25, 1811, æ. 18 mos.
- 16 V. *Elijah*, b. June 25, 1812.†
- Children by second wife:—
- 17 VI. *Lucy*, —; m. William Fletcher of Lempster.
- 18 VII. *Luther*, m.; resides in Newport.
- 19 VIII. *Lovina*, —; was drowned.
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- (13) JOSIAH FITCH, son of Paul and Sarah (Walker) Fitch;
m., Dec. 2, 1830, Caroline, dau. of William and Betsey
J. (Needham) Greenwood. She d. Apr. 4, 1839.
- 20 I. *R. Walker*, b. Aug. 21, 1831; m., Nov. 19, 1853,
Rachel C. Cox; she d., and he m. (2d), Sept. 3,
1857, Nancy J. Clark; resides in Milford, N.H.
- 21 II. *Wilbur*, —; d. June 11, 1843.
- Mr. Fitch m. (2d), June 14, 1839, Lucretia Herrick of
Reading, Vt. He d. June 9, 1865.

- 22 III. *Sarah*, b. Oct., 1842; m., Apr., 1858, George Collester; resides in West Harrisville.
- 23 IV. *Martha*, b. June 29, 1843; m., Dec. 11, 1865, Roger Derby. He d., and she m. (2d) Hulton Travis; resides in West Harrisville.
- 24 v. *Mary*, b. June 29, 1843; m., June 14, 1865, Milan Derby; resides in West Harrisville.
- 25 VI. *Wilbur*, b. Oct. 13, 1847; m., Feb. 19, 1867, Lizzie Knight; resides in Swanzey.
- 26 VII. *Warren B.*, b. Feb. 9, 1850; m., June 2, 1870, Isadore Bowker; resides in Keene.

(16) ELIJAH FITCH, son of Paul and Sarah (Walker) Fitch; m., May 19, 1839, Eliza, dau. of David and Lucy (Knight) Joslin. He was a blacksmith by trade, and worked for several years at that business in the village. He d. Aug. 4, 1876.

- 27 I. *Murray*, b. Feb. 23, 1841; m., Sept. 3, 1868, Carrie L. Allen of Troy.
- 28 II. *Emmett*, b. Dec. 22, 1845; m., —, Abbie A. (Priest) Capron, dau. of Silas and Nancy M. (Wilder) Priest.
- 29 1. Frank E., b. March 27, 1871.
- 30 2. Walter Scott, b. Oct. 24, 1875.
- 31 3. F. Carl E., b. May 31, 1879.

1 IVERS FLINT, son of Joshua and Susanna (Babcock) Flint, b. in Ashby, Mass., Aug. 27, 1814; m., Dec. 29, 1840, Harriet, dau. of David and Dolly (Fisher) Towns- end, b. in Dublin, Feb. 26, 1817. He resided in Roxbury, on the farm now owned by Josiah Parker, from 1838 to 1870, in which year he came to Marl. to reside.

2 I. *Josephine Amanda*, b. Oct. 19, 1841; m., March 13, 1865, Myron C. Wilder of Ashby, Mass. She d. Sept. 20, 1876.

3 II. *Lavater Munroe*, b. May 4, 1846; m., Oct. 31, 1867, Clara E., dau. of Oliver and Eliza (Hem- enway) Jewett.

4 1. Ernest Frederick, b. Apr. 22, 1872.

1 DEA. JAMES FLOOD was b. probably in Bolton, Mass., 1730; m. Betsey Whitcomb. He was a resident of Marl. in 1776, being the first settler on the Daniel Priest place, lately occupied by Dea. A. M. Smith. He was ac- tive in forming the Congregational Church, was one of the eight original members, and was the first deacon of

the church, being chosen to that office July 5, 1779. He was killed by the fall of a tree, June 24, 1790. His widow m. (2d), Apr. 20, 1797, Benjamin Spaulding of Jaffrey, who d. Oct. 4, 1806, æ. 68. She probably d. 1825.

- 2 I. *James*, ———; m., Aug. 23, 1785, Lois Hunt of Dublin; removed to Canada, where he raised up a family of four boys and four girls.
- 3 II. *Betsey*, d. um.
- 4 III. *Sarah*, ———; m. Henry Hunt.
- 5 IV. *Israel*, b. Jan. 24, 1776.+
- 6 V. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 10, 1779.+
- 7 VI. *Abigail*, b. July 27, 1782; m. Daniel Priest, *q.v.*
- 8 VII. *Rufus*, b. March 4, 1784.+
- 9 VIII. *Azubah*, b. March 3, 1786; m., March 8, 1807, Abijah Ruggles; settled in Brighton, Mass., where he d. Dec. 1, 1839. She d. at Hudson, Mass., Nov. 28, 1866. Descendants living in Holliston, and Westboro, Mass.

(5) ISRAEL FLOOD, son of Dea. James, m., 1810, Lydia, dau. of Asa and Eunice (Williams) Porter. He d. Jan. 4, 1829.

- 10 I. *Emeline*, b. May 30, 1811; d. Oct. 30, 1828.
- 11 II. *Israel Whitcomb*, b. Jan. 27, 1813; d. Oct. 11, 1828.
- 12 III. *Mary Ann*, b. Jan. 6, 1815; m., June, 1831, William Putnam of Jaffrey, where they resided until 1837, when they removed to Marilla, N.Y., where they now reside.
- 13 IV. *Louisa*, b. Apr. 15, 1817; m. Calvin Winch; resides in Marilla, N.Y.
- 14 V. *Lydia*, b. Feb. 6, 1820; d. Aug. 31, 1828.
- 15 VI. *James Addison*, b. June 26, 1822.
- 16 VII. *Adaline*, b. Dec. 31, 1827.

(6) JOSEPH FLOOD, son of Dea. James, m., May 5, 1802, Betsey Priest of Jaffrey; resided in Marl. until 1806, when they removed to Londonderry, Vt., where all the children, except the two oldest, were born.

- 17 I. *Azubah*, b. Jan. 23, 1803; m. Jan. 7, 1827, Luke Bennett; settled in Alden, Erie Co., N.Y., and d. March 1, 1872.
- 18 II. *Betsey*, b. Jan. 11, 1805; m., May 5, 1831, Samuel Rich of Alden, N.Y.; resides in Batavia, N.Y.
- 19 III. *Almira*, b. Jan. 2, 1807; m., Feb. 18, 1835,

Luther Barrett; resides in Ridgeway, Orleans Co., N.Y.

20 iv. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 25, 1810; m., July 4, 1832, Ira Cochran of Londonderry, Vt.; d. in Dorset, Vt., Oct. 11, 1841.

21 v. *Joseph P.*, b. Feb. 10, 1813; m., Jan. 4, 1838, Caroline Battalph; resides in Marilla, Erie Co., N.Y.

(8) RUFUS FLOOD, son of Dea. James, m., and resided for some time in Marl., and had the following children.

22 i. *Rufus*, b. Jan. 3, 1808; d. March 20, 1808.

23 ii. *Nathaniel Corbin*, b. March 5, 1810.

24 iii. TWINS. { *Mary*, b. Oct. 24, 1812; d. Jan. 30, 1816.

25 iv. { *Joseph*, b. Oct. 24, 1812.

26 v. *Rufus Loring*, b. Feb. 2, 1817.

1 JOSEPH FOLLET came from Cumberland, R.I., in 1780, and located near the granite quarry and on the spot where A. G. Mann's boarding-house now stands. He was a very intemperate man, and when under the influence of liquor was so abusive to his family they were frequently obliged to flee his presence for their own safety. Nov. 1, 1806, he returned to his home so intoxicated that his wife, feeling that her life was in danger, took refuge in the chamber, drawing the ladder up after her, leaving him sitting before the fire. In the morning, she was horrified to find her husband lying in the fireplace with his head burned off. After the death of Mr. Follet, his widow lived alone for several years, with the exception of a small dog for company, when her son Silas came and took her to his home in Thetford, Vt., where she d. at an advanced age.

2 i. *Silas*, settled in Thetford, Vt.

3 ii. *Sybel*.

4 iii. *Benjamin*.

5 iv. *Otis*.

1 BENJAMIN FORBES from Oakham, Mass., came to Marl. about 1829, and located in the south part of the town, on the place which still bears his name. No record of his death has been found.

2 i. *Huldah*, m. — Sargent.

3 ii. *Lucinda*, m. — Baldwin; resided in Waltham, Mass.

4 iii. *John*.

5 iv. *Waldo*.

- 1 | HIRAM FORBUSH, b. in Harvard, Mass., Dec. 13, 1812; m. Lucinda L. Willis of Winchester, b. Jan. 27, 1816. He resided for a number of years in Chesterfield, where all his children but the youngest were born. Mrs. Forbush d. Sept. 8, 1870. He now resides in Swanzey.
- 2 | I. *Nellie M.*, b. Apr. 15, 1840; m., Oct. 11, 1864, George S. Ellis.
- 3 | II. *Lucius M.*, b. Aug. 3, 1841; d. in Virginia City, Montaina Territory, Sept. 20, 1860, um.
- 4 | III. *Fay W.*, b. Sept. 5, 1843; d. Dec. 17, 1864, um.
- 5 | IV. *Charles H.*, b. Jan. 16, 1846; resides in Swanzey, um.
- 6 | V. *Nettie L.*, b. July 29, 1848; m., Aug. 7, 1872, Frank J. Perry of Saco, Me.; resides in Worcester, Mass.
- 7 | VI. *Emma E.*, b. July 28, 1850; m., June 9, 1873, Solon W. Nelson; resides in Worcester, Mass.
- 8 | VII. *Anna L. S.*, b. in Marl., Jan. 8, 1856; d. July 26, 1857.

1 | JOSEPH FOSTER, b. in Lunenburg, Mass., was probably a descendant of Reginald Foster, who came to this country from England, about the year 1638, and settled in Ipswich, Mass., being one of the earliest inhabitants of that town. Joseph m., Jan. 17, 1760, Sarah, dau. of William and Sarah (Locke) Jones of Lunenburg. He first settled in Lunenburg, but in Apr., 1793, he came to this town and located on a lot of land now known as the John Houghton place in Roxbury, then within the limits of Marl. His wife d., and he m. (2d) Rebecca Phelps. He d. Dec. 11, 1804. His widow m. Joseph Rollins of Dublin, and d. in Roxbury, about 1834. Children all by first wife, and b. in Mass.

- 2 | I. *Rebecca*, b. Sept. 16, 1760; m. Isaac Whittemore of Ashburnham, Mass.; d. in Sullivan.
- 3 | II. *Enoch*, b. Aug. 21, 1762.†
- 4 | III. *James*, b. Apr. 24, 1764; was killed by falling from a horse.
- 5 | IV. *Stephen*, b. Dec. 11, 1768; d. in Sullivan, Dec. 10, 1855.
- 6 | V. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 19, 1770.

(3) | ENOCH FOSTER, son of Joseph; m. Rebecca, dau. of John and Mary (Whitcomb) French of Dublin; settled in Roxbury.

- 7 | I. *Benjamin*, b. Jan. 23, 1793.†
- 8 | II. *Sally*, b. June 21, 1794; m., May 7, 1813, Samuel Winchester, of Ashburnham; d. in Sullivan.

- 9 III. *Stephen*, b. Feb. 5, 1796; m. Sophia Briggs of Sullivan.
- 10 IV. *Rebecca*, b. Aug. 16, 1797; m., March 10, 1814, Reuben Phillips of Roxbury; d. Jan. 19, 1858.
- 11 V. *Enoch*, b. May 16, 1799; m. Eliza, dau. of Levi and Hannah (Brigham) Gates. He d. in Somerset, Mich., March 24, 1872.
- 12 VI. *Asa*, b. Dec. 29, 1800; m. Polly French; settled in Norwich, N.Y.
- 13 VII. *Alvah*, b. Dec. 26, 1802; m. Cynthia, dau. of Paul and Temperance (Furber) Fifield; resides in Michigan.
- 14 VIII. *Roxie*, b. Aug. 17, 1805; m., Aug. 17, 1825, William Merriam; resides in Sterling, Mass.
- 15 IX. *Mary*, b. May 2, 1807; m., 1826, Abel Merriam. She d. in Jamestown, N.Y., Feb. 23, 1851.
- 16 X. *Jeremiah*, b. Feb. 28, 1810; m. Sarah Carpenter of Gilsum; settled in Nelson; d. Jan. 27, 1867.

(7) BENJAMIN FOSTER, son of Enoch, m., Aug. 21, 1814, Barbary Phillips, b. in Rutland, Mass., March 19, 1793; settled in Roxbury. In his old age, he removed to Peterboro, where he d. May 26, 1855. His widow d. July 12, 1873. Mr. Foster was an occasional contributor to the weekly papers. He never attained nor aspired to any great eminence as a writer, but, while earning his bread by the sweat of his brow, preferred to spend his leisure hours in a way that would improve himself and benefit others. The stories which he wrote were particularly calculated to drop useful hints along the pathway of the young. He was ever regarded as an honest, industrious, and worthy man.

- 17 I. *Rebecca R.*, b. Feb. 16, 1816; m., Apr. 30, 1839, William Towns of Roxbury; d. in Peterboro.
- 18 II. *Enoch*, b. March 25, 1819.†
- 19 III. *Mary Ann*, b. March 3, 1824; m., Nov. 15, 1848, Samuel Hardy of Dublin; resides in Hillsboro.
- 20 IV. *Lucina F.*, b. Nov. 17, 1825; m., Oct. 11, 1846, John R. Forbush of Peterboro. He d. Jan. 30, 1857; and she m. (2d), Oct. 15, 1857, Julius C. Pearl of DeKalb, Ill.
- 21 V. *Samira Jane*, b. Apr. 27, 1830; m., June 27, 1847, Philip C. Wheeler of Peterboro; she d. Apr. 10, 1861.
- 22 VI. *Sarah E.*, b. Jan. 23, 1832; m., July 24, 1851, Orange P. Harris of Nelson; d. in DeKalb, Ill., Dec. 2, 1859.

(18) ENOCH FOSTER, son of Benjamin and Barbary (Phillips) Foster, m., Dec. 2, 1842, Mary A., dau. of John

	and Lucretia (Bemis) Lewis. He served three years in Company C, 14th Reg. N.H. Vols.
23	i. <i>Alma L.</i> (adopted dau.), b. Apr. 17, 1853; m., June 10, 1873, Charles H. Rockwood of Swanzy, b. Feb. 23, 1852.
24	1. Claude Eugene, b. in Troy, March 2, 1877.
1	JOSEPH FRENCH is supposed to have come from Attleboro, Mass., where his grandfather settled about the year 1720. He located on the farm since owned by Pelatiah Hodgkins, in what is now the north-east part of Troy. He resided here until 1808, then sold his farm and removed to Ludlow, Vt.
2	i. <i>Arethusa</i> , ———; m., June 5, 1804, Joseph Mason, Jr., of Dublin.
3	ii. <i>Sarah</i> , ———; m. Samuel Thurston, <i>q.v.</i>
4	iii. <i>Bridget</i> , ———; m. Jonas Knight of Fitzwilliam, June 23, 1803.
5	iv. <i>Vryling</i> , ———; d. Nov. 14, 1804, æ. 25.

FROST.

ELDER EDMUND FROST, the ancestor of nearly all of that name in Marl., embarked at Ipswich, England, with his wife, Thomasine, and son John, in the ship "Great Hope," in the autumn of 1635. He settled at Cambridge, Mass., where he was elected ruling elder of the first church, which was established soon after his arrival. The town of Cambridge granted six acres of land to "Elder frost" Feb. 6, 1636 (Camb. Rec.), and in 1646 "Edmund frost granted eight acres meddow to lie in common for town's use; and the 9th, 4 mo. 1652, it was agreed by the church that Shawshine should be divided," being land that was granted by court to the first church at Cambridge. Elder Frost's share was two hundred acres, which was afterward inherited by his sons, Samuel and James, and by them deeded to Billerica.

Feb. 8, 1668-69, Elder Frost was appointed to catechise the children of those families on east side of town. He d. July 12, 1672, having made a will Apr. 16, 1672, proved Oct. 5, 1672, in which he mentions his wife Rena and all his eight children. His first and second wives' names not known, Thomasine — and Mary —. His third wife was Rena, widow of Robert Daniels.

Samuel, son of Elder Edmund Frost, b. Feb. 12, 1638, m. (1st), at Cambridge, Oct. 12, 1663, Mary Coale; m. (2d) Elizabeth, dau. of Rev. John and Lydia Miller. He moved to Billerica about 1670, where he had one-half of two hundred acres of land granted by the town of Cambridge to his father. He d. Jan. 7, 1717. Joseph, son of Samuel, b. Dec. 23, 1680, m. (1st), Jan. 12, 1707-8, Sarah Whittemore. She d. Apr. 1717, and he m. (2d), 1718, Hannah Easterbrook. He had fourteen children, many of whom d. in infancy. About 1740, he removed to Sherborn, where he d. in 1760.

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| 1 | JONATHAN FROST, son of Joseph and Hannah (Eastbrook) Frost, was b. in Sherborn, Mass., Feb. 27, 1738; |
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m., in Sherborn, 1760, Martha Leland. He came to this town in March, 1775, having previously purchased of Isaac McAllester the farm now owned by Ansel Nye. He commanded a company of militia in Sherborn before his removal, and had sent in his resignation, but it was not granted. The month following, the battle of Lexington took place. As soon as Capt. Frost heard of the battle, he buckled on his sword, and, mounting his horse, started for the scene of conflict. On arriving at Townsend, he learned the particulars concerning the affray, and that the British soldiers had retreated to Boston. He then returned to his family. During the autumn of 1776, a discharged soldier on his way from Ticonderoga to Boston stopped with Capt. Frost over night, and from him all the family contracted the small-pox, of which disease he d. Sept. 25, 1776. His widow d. March 15, 1804, æ. 64. Of his eight children, seven lived to marry and settle in Marl.; and both they and their descendants have taken an active part in shaping and sustaining the interests of the town.

- 2 I. *Hannah*, b. 1761; m. James Bemis, *q.v.*
- 3 II. *Joseph*, b. 1763.†
- 4 III. *Jonathan*, b. 1765.†
- 5 IV. *Benjamin*, b. 1767.†
- 6 V. *Martha*, b. 1769; m. (1st) Justus Perry, M.D., *q.v.*;
m. (2d) David Wheeler, *q.v.*
- 7 VI. *Elijah*, b. 1771.†
- 8 VII. *Asa*, b. 1773; d. in infancy.
- 9 VIII. *Jeremiah*, b. 1776.†

- (3) COL. JOSEPH FROST, son of Capt. Jonathan, m., Sept. 17, 1782, Zilpha, dau. of Col. Richard and Sybel (Goedonow) Roberts; settled on the Stillman Woodward place, where he d. Nov. 7, 1839. His wife d. Apr. 5, 1822. It may be truly said of Mr. Frost that he passed through a long life highly respected and esteemed by all who were favored with his acquaintance. As a townsman, he was anxious for the promotion of peace, good order, the improvement of morals, and for the religious and moral education of the rising generation. His townsmen gave ample testimony of their confidence by repeatedly electing him to all the civil offices in their gift. For a number of years, he was chosen to represent the town in the State Legislature, in which capacity he never disappointed the expectation of his constituents. He was a professor of religion for nearly fifty years, and manifested the sincerity of his religious faith by practising through his whole life upon the principle of pure morality and Christian benevolence.

- 10 I. *Richard*, b. March 19, 1783; m., March 14, 1802,
Hannah Rider; removed to Granby, Canada.
- 11 II. *Jonathan*, b. Feb. 17, 1785.†
- 12 III. *Joseph*, b. Apr. 30, 1787.†
- 13 IV. *Ebenezer*, b. Nov. 2, 1789; d. Feb. 5, 1792.
- 14 V. *Aaron*, b. July 29, 1792; removed to Canada.
- 15 VI. *Sylvester*, b. June 5, 1794.†
- 16 VII. *Rozanna*, b. Dec. 14, 1796; m. Dea. James
Farrar, *q.v.*
- 17 VIII. *Atossa*, b. Dec. 1, 1798; m., Aug. 21, 1826, Rev.
Cyrus Stone, *q.v.*
- 18 IX. *Emily*, b. June 24, 1801; m. Charles Gilbert, *q.v.*
- 19 X. *Lowell*, b. Oct. 31, 1803; d. in Boston.
- 20 XI. *Benjamin*, b. March 11, 1806; settled first in
Boston, afterward removed to Abington.

(4) LIEUT. JONATHAN FROST, son of Capt. Jonathan, m. Beulah, dau. of Eliphalet and Lydia (Goddard) Stone; settled on the farm now owned by Russell Bixby. Mrs. Frost d. May 3, 1808; and he m. (2d), Dec. 21, 1808, Mrs. Esther Coolidge, widow of Hezekiah Coolidge. She d. March 15, 1848. He d. Oct. 20, 1851.

- 21 I. *Patty*, b. March 12, 1787; m. Zephaniah Harvey;
removed to Shefford, Canada, where she d.
March 17, 1835.
- 22 II. *Asa*, b. Dec. 17, 1788.†
- 23 III. *Hannah*, b. June 19, 1791; m. Daniel Coolidge
of Sherborn, Mass.; d. Nov. 25, 1831.
- 24 IV. *Cyrus*, b. Sept. 25, 1797.†
- 25 V. *Lydia*, b. June 24, 1800; m. Samuel Barrett; d.
Sept. 6, 1831.
- 26 VI. *Almira*, b. Sept. 1, 1803; d. Jan. 11, 1823.

(5) BENJAMIN FROST, son of Capt. Jonathan, m., 1789, Phebe, dau. of Col. Richard and Sybel (Goodenow) Roberts. He d. Feb. 27, 1800.

- 27 I. *Charles*, b. July 8, 1789; d. in Marl., Apr. 17,
1866.
- 28 II. *Charlotte*, b. Feb. 10, 1792; m. William Rider;
lived in Swanzey.
- 29 III. *Bildad*, b. Nov. 14, 1794; d. Apr. 16, 1795.
- 30 IV. *Phebe*, b. June 25, 1796; m. — Bishop of Troy.
- 31 V. *Persis*, b. Apr. 13, 1798; d. young.

(7) ELIJAH FROST, son of Capt. Jonathan, m. Betsey, dau. of Phineas and Lovina (Warren) Farrar. He resided for a few years in Marl., and then removed to Sullivan, and thence to Thetford, Vt., where he d. in 1860.

- 32 I. *Lovina*, b. March 7, 1795; m. Aylsworth Hubbard; d. in Sullivan.
- 33 II. *Betsey*, b. March 11, 1797; m. Enoch Woods; d. in Sullivan.
- 34 III. *Selim*, b. Oct. 22, 1799; m., 1824, Lydia Heald; resided in Sullivan; d. 1858.
- 35 IV. *Benjamin*, b. Sept. 9, 1802; m., 1825, Mary C. Barrett; d. in 1858.
- 36 V. *Perley*, ———; m. Adaline Ingraham.
- 37 VI. *Mara*, ———; m. Seth Nims of Sullivan.

(9) JEREMIAH FROST, youngest son of Capt. Jonathan, m., Aug. 7, 1804, Eunice, dau. of Capt. David and Rebecca (Hoar) Wheeler; removed to Shefford, Canada.

- 38 I. *Persis*, b. Jan. 14, 1805.
- 39 II. *David*, b. Aug. 31, 1806.
- 40 III. *Selina*.
- 41 IV. *Charlotte*.
- 42 V. *Eunice*.
- 43 VI. *Jeremiah*.

(11) JONATHAN FROST, son of Col. Joseph, m., May 23, 1804, Sally, dau. of Capt. David and Rebecca (Hoar) Wheeler; removed to Shefford, Canada, and thence to Derby Centre, Vt.

- 44 I. *Charles*, b. Oct. 26, 1805.
- 45 II. *Pinckney*, settled in Wethersfield, Vt.
- 46 III. *Joseph*.
- 47 IV. *Jonathan*.
- 48 V. *Alice*.
- 49 VI. *Asa*.

(12) JOSEPH FROST, son of Col. Joseph, m., July, 1805, Lucy, dau. of Capt. David and Rebecca (Hoar) Wheeler; settled first in Shefford, Canada. In 1819, he returned to Marl., and settled on the farm now owned by his son Rufus S. Frost, where he d. Oct. 23, 1830. His widow afterward removed to Boston, where she d. July 23, 1848.

- 50 I. *Caroline*, b. May 13, 1806; d. Aug. 20, 1819.
- 51 II. *Sumner*, b. Jan. 17, 1808. +
- 52 III. *Joseph P.*, b. Aug. 29, 1809; m., Apr. 8, 1830, Martha B., dau. of John and Mary (Livingston) Lane; resided for many years in Galesburg, Ill., where he d. Apr. 19, 1880.
- 53 IV. *Lowell*, b. Jan. 17, 1813; d. Aug. 29, 1813.
- 54 V. *Lucy W.*, b. Oct. 13, 1814; m., Aug. 4, 1836, Turner C. Fairfield; d. in Boston, 1872.

- 55 1. Joseph, b. 1838 ; d. 1840.
- 56 2. Emma F., b. 1848 ; m., 1867, Charles S. Dunnells.
- 57 3. Lucy A., b. 1850 ; m., 1870, Charles H. Cutler.
- 58 vi. *Luther*, b. May 12, 1817 ; um.
- 59 vii. *Emeline*, b. Feb. 21, 1820 ; m., Nov. 30, 1853, Henry B. Swazey ; resides in Chelsea, Mass.
- 60 1. George Henry, b. 1855.
- 61 2. Emma Frost, b. 1857 ; d. 1872.
- 62 3. Walter B., b. 1862 ; d. 1863.
- 63 viii. *Rufus S.*, b. July 18, 1826 ; m., Aug. 4, 1847, Ellen M. Hubbard. She d. Feb. 28, 1878 ; and he m. (2d), June 18, 1879, Mrs. Catherine Emily Willard of Tioga, Penn. ; resides in Chelsea, Mass. (See Chap. XIII.)
- 64 1. Charles Hubbard, b. 1848 ; m., 1871, Emma H. Tripp. Children: Edith, b. 1873 ; Gertrude, b. 1876, d. 1880 ; George T., b. 1878.
- 65 2. Ellen A., b. 1849 ; m., 1869, Rufus Frost, Greeley. Children: Marion, b. 1870 ; Norman, 1871 ; Russell, b. 1878.
- 66 3. John Osgood, b. 1852 ; d. May 23, 1879.
- 67 4. Emma Wheeler, b. 1856.
- 68 5. Rufus H., b. 1857.
- 69 6. Albert Plumb, b. 1859.
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- (15) SYLVESTER FROST, son of Col. Joseph, m., Nov. 4, 1817, Damariss, dau. of Kimber and Polly (Hazleton) Harvey ; resided for some time in Troy, and afterward in Fitchburg.
- 70 i. *David*, b. Aug. 11, 1818.
- 71 ii. *Perley*, b. July 12, 1821 ; d. Oct. 10, 1844.
- 72 iii. *Milton*, b. Apr. 30, 1824.
- 73 iv. *Mary Z.*, b. Nov. 29, 1826 ; d. Nov. 29, 1827.
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- (22) CAPT. ASA FROST, son of Lieut. Jonathan, m., Nov. 21, 1811, Harriet, dau. of Hezekiah Coolidge ; settled on the home farm. In his old age, he built the house now owned by Elisha O. Woodward, where he resided till after the death of his wife, Apr. 12, 1863, when he removed to Springfield, Mass., where he d. March 18, 1868.
- 74 i. *Loring Coolidge*, b. Feb. 8, 1813 ; m., Nov. 1, 1838, Amanda, dau. of John B. and Anna (Harvey) Farrar ; d. in Cleveland, Ohio.



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- 75 II. *Charles Milton*, b. March 5, 1815; d. Apr. 25, 1867, um.
- 76^a III. *Harlow*, b. Nov. 18, 1816; m. Eliza Wright of Keene; d. in Vermont.
- 77 IV. *Cyrus*, b. June 13, 1821; d. Aug. 19, 1845.
- 78 V. *Almira*, b. June 18, 1825; m., Sept. 5, 1849, Warren H. Wilkinson; resided in Springfield, Mass.; d. Oct. 12, 1874.
- 79 VI. *Daniel C.*, b. Sept. 12, 1839; m. Esther Merriam; resides in Springfield, Mass.
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- (24) COL. CYRUS FROST, son of Lieut. Jonathan, m., Nov. 1, 1821, Caroline, dau. of Ebenezer and Rhoda (Coolidge) Richardson of Dublin, b. May 22, 1797.
- 80 I. *Almira*, b. July 20, 1823; d. Dec. 21, 1823.
- 81 II. *Sarah Jane*, b. Apr. 20, 1825; d. Feb. 5, 1826.
- 82 III. *Ebenezer R.*, b. May 26, 1828; m. Rachel L. Clemons of Belgrade, Me., Dec. 8, 1853; resided in Boston, where he d.
- 83 IV. *Laura Sophia*, b. May 16, 1830; m. O. H. Perry of Springfield, Mass.; d. Feb. 6, 1872.
- 84 V. *Edward Jonathan*, b. June 17, 1833; m. Elizabeth Mott of Peterboro; resides in Philadelphia.
- 85 VI. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. June 23, 1836; m., March 2, 1862, Clark Farrar of Keene. He d. Apr. 20, 1866; and she m. (2d), July 26, 1868, Hervey Upham; resides in Texas.
- 86 VII. *Harriet Coolidge*, b. Dec. 31, 1838; m. Rev. Charles E. Houghton, *q.v.*
- 87 VIII. *Amanda Caroline*, b. Apr. 4, 1842; m. Charles H. Thurston, *q.v.*
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- (51) SUMNER FROST, son of Joseph, m., Oct. 14, 1828, Elizabeth, dau. of John and Mary (Tayntor) Wiswall; resided first in Newport, and afterward in Derby, Vt. She d. Jan. 3, 1835; and he m. (2d), Apr. 8, 1835, Lucinda Olive Field, b. Sept. 2, 1816, d. Aug. 7, 1849; and he m. (3d), Jan. 28, 1850, Lydia E. Blake, b. Nov. 19, 1821. He d. Nov., 1876. Children by first wife as follows:—
- 88 I. *Caroline Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 23, 1829; m. Justus Lawrence of Roxbury. He d. in Yonkers, N.Y. His widow is now in Europe.
- 89 II. *Harriet A.*, b. Apr. 20, 1833; m. (1st) Fernando C. Harrington, by whom she had one child, and m. (2d) Cyrus S. Moors, *q.v.*
- 90 1. George K. Harrington, b. in West Charleston, Vt., June 23, 1853; m., Nov. 13, 1877, Carrie A. Osborne.

- Children by second wife:—
- 91 III. *Lucinda Maria*, b. Jan. 13, 1836; d. Aug. 21, 1864.
- 92 IV. *Sumner Webster*, b. May 1, 1837; d. in Marl., Sept. 18, 1877, um.
- 93 V. *Luther Wesley*, b. Sept. 14, 1838.
- 94 VI. *Henry Warren*, b. Dec. 7, 1842; d. June 24, 1844.
- 95 VII. *Lucia M.*, b. Apr. 18, 1844; d. Aug. 26, 1871.
- 96 VIII. *Rufus Chester*, b. Sept. 27, 1845.
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- 97 EPHRAIM K. FROST, M.D. (genealogy not traced), b. in Jaffrey, Dec. 17, 1790; came to Marl. and commenced the practice of medicine, 1812. (See Chap. XII.) He m., Nov. 11, 1813, Persis, dau. of Jonadab and Tabatha (Wilson) Baker; removed to Swanzey in 1818; d. in Lincoln, Nebraska, Nov. 18, 1871.
- 98 I. *Charles*, d. æ. 2 years.
- 99 II. *Feronia*, b. Dec. 26, 1815; m., 1835, G. N. Sherwood.
- 100 III. *Lyman*, b. Feb. 10, 1820; m.; resides at Lincoln, Nebraska.
- 101 IV. *Lafayette S.*, b. June 4, 1824.
- 102 V. Twins. { *Caroline*, b. Jan., 1826; d. in her fifth year.
- 103 VI. { *Emeline*, b. Jan., 1826.
- 104 VII. *Franklin*, b. 1831; d. in Wisconsin, 1857.
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- 105 ABRAHAM FROST, m., Nov. 24, 1796, Polly Woodbury. (Town records.)

FULLER.

JOHN FULLER, the ancestor of the families in Marl. bearing this name, was one of the first settlers of Cambridge Village, now Newton, Mass. He was b. in 1611, and settled there about 1644, and was one of the largest land-owners in the village, owning upwards of one thousand acres. This land at his death was divided among his five sons, who lived to the following ages: John, 75; Jonathan, 74; Joseph, 88; Joshua, 98; Jeremiah, 83. The History of Newton says that twenty-two of the descendants of John Fuller went into the army of the Revolution. He d. Feb. 7, 1698-99; and his widow, Elizabeth, d. Apr. 13, 1700. His son John, b. 1645, m., 1682, Abigail Boylston; settled in Newton, and had nine children, among whom was Isaac, b. Nov. 22, 1695, m. Abigail —, and had, among others, Abijah, b. June 1, 1723, m. Lydia Richardson of Newton.

- 1 ELIJAH FULLER, son of* Abijah and Lydia (Richardson) Fuller, was b. in Newton, Mass., Feb. 11, 1766. He was put out to service at an early age with Norman

Clark, of whom he learned the carpenter's trade. In 1797, he came to Marl., and located on what is now "West Hill" in Troy, working at his trade a considerable portion of his time. Previous to his coming to this town, he m. Lucretia Smith, b. in Holden, Mass., about 1765. Soon after her birth, her father moved with his family to Pennsylvania, and located at Wyoming on the Susquehanna River, where they remained until the famous "Wyoming massacre," when two thousand Tories and nine hundred Indians came upon the place, and murdered the inhabitants without discrimination. Lucretia Smith was one of the few who escaped. She, being at that time thirteen years of age, remembered well the horrors of those distressing scenes which took place at that time, when so many fell a prey to savage warfare. The family after their escape returned to Holden. Mr. Fuller d. 1822. His wife survived him, and d. 1863, at the ripe age of 97. Children, all but Isaac, born in Marl.

- 2 i. *Isaac*, b. in Hubbardston, Mass., Nov. 14, 1794 ;
 m., Feb. 7, 1818, Temperance Hinckley of Barn-
 stable, Mass., b. Nov. 11, 1792. He d. in Troy,
 Dec. 14, 1833.
- 3 ii. *Martha*, b. Dec. 14, 1797 ; m. Abel Garfield of
 Troy.
- 4 iii. *Lydia*, b. June 9, 1800 ; d. March 11, 1811.
- 5 iv. *Lucretia*, b. Aug. 1, 1805 ; m. John E. Jackson ;
 removed to Vermont.
- 6 v. *Elijah*, b. Apr. 6, 1808 ; fell into scalding water,
 and d. Jan. 19, 1812.
- 7 vi. *Harriet*, b. Apr. 21, 1810.

- 8 CAPT. ISAAC FULLER, a brother of Elijah, b. in New-
 ton, Mass., 1775 ; came to Marl. about 1797. He m.
 Patty Howe of Holden, Mass., at which place he resided
 a short time before his removal to this town. He first
 moved into the school-house in the south-west part of
 the town, in what is now Troy, where he resided for
 several months, and finally located on the William Barker
 farm. He was a carpenter, and a skilful workman.
 On returning home from Troy village one stormy night
 in the winter of 1819, he perished in the storm at the
 age of 44. His widow d. Aug. 16, 1836, æ. 57. Chil-
 dren all but Amasa b. in Marl.

- 9 i. *Amasa*, b. in Holden, Mass., Dec. 7, 1797.+
- 10 ii. *Lucretia*, b. Jan. 11, 1800 ; m. Ezra Alexander of
 Troy ; d. June 11, 1873.
- 11 iii. *Patty*, b. Sept. 6, 1802 ; m. David Jackson of
 Wallingford, Vt. ; she was killed by lightning,
 Sept. 3, 1847.

- 12 iv. *Nancy*, b. Jan. 11, 1805; m., Aug. 17, 1823, Andrew Sherman, who d. May 26, 1871. She now resides in Keene.
- 13 v. *Dorothy*, b. Apr. 5, 1807; d. June 22, 1807.
- 14 vi. *Stillman*, b. July 22, 1808; d. March 16, 1809.
- 15 vii. *Lydia*, b. Feb. 9, 1810; m. Rufus Jackson; resides in Wallingford, Vt.
- 16 viii. *Isaac*, b. Aug. 1, 1812; d. July 3, 1814.
- 17 ix. *Harriet*, b. Feb. 28, 1815; d. Sept. 14, 1818.
- 18 x. *Eliza*, b. June 28, 1817; m. — Sherman; resides in Brookfield, Mass.

(9) AMASA FULLER, son of Capt. Isaac, m. (1st) Anna, dau. of Jonathan and Delilah (Rhodes) Bemis. She d. June 19, 1826.

- 19 i. *Isaac*, b. in Troy, Aug. 10, 1819.+
- 20 ii. *Elmira*, b. Apr. 9, 1822; m., July 16, 1846, Stephen Harris of Troy; she d. in Swanzey, May, 1847.
- 21 iii. *Anna*, b. Feb. 14, 1826; d. Nov. 23, 1826.

Mr. Fuller m. (2d), Jan. 11, 1827, Hannah Jackson of Wallingford, Vt., b. Nov. 5, 1803.

- 22 iv. *A daughter*, b. June 11, 1828; d. July 18, 1828.
- 23 v. *A son*, b. Apr. 29, 1829; d. Apr. 30, 1829.
- 24 vi. *Elvira*, b. Sept. 21, 1830; d. March 14, 1832.
- 25 vii. *A daughter*, b. March 1, 1832; d. March 6, 1833.
- 26 viii. *Amasa*, b. Sept. 28, 1833; m., Sept. 13, 1855, Georgianna D. Taylor of Winchendon, b. Sept. 13, 1834.

27 1. Edward S. (adopted son), b. in Winchendon, June 25, 1866.

- 28 ix. *Levi A.*, b. May 4, 1836.+
- 29 x. *A son*, b. July 1, 1838; d. same day.
- 30 xi. *Erwin J.*, b. Sept. 19, 1839; m., Sept. 16, 1865, Czarina W. Jacobs, b. in Royalston, June 8, 1841; resides in Winchendon. During the Rebellion, he was in the army as hospital steward eighteen months.

- 31 1. Nettie C., b. June 16, 1866.
- 32 2. Winfred E., b. Aug. 5, 1868.
- 33 3. Herbert W., b. Dec. 22, 1870.

Mrs. Hannah Fuller d. Apr. 5, 1845; and Mr. Fuller m. (3d), Oct. 2, 1845, Mrs. Mary (Knight) Hager of Troy, b. Feb. 14, 1802. He m. (4th) Mrs. Lovey P. Kidder, b. Oct. 6, 1813. He d. in Swanzey, July 18, 1879.

- (19) ISAAC FULLER, son of Amasa, m., Dec. 12, 1843, Hepzibah, dau. of Abel and Martha (Fuller) Garfield, b. in Troy, March 2, 1825. He d. Nov. 7, 1866; and she m. (2d), Dec. 8, 1870, Asa B. Clark of Troy. She m. (3d) Samuel B. Aldrich, Dec. 2, 1875; resides in Keene.
- 34 I. *Julia M.*, b. Feb. 4, 1847; m., July 16, 1868, Edwin F. Stockwell of Keene; d. July 28, 1868. He d. Apr. 26, 1871.
- 35 II. *George E.*, b. Dec. 13, 1850; m., Jan. 24, 1872, Mattie A. Alexander of Swanzey, b. Dec. 24, 1853; resides in Swanzey.
- 36 III. *Frederick A.*, b. Sept. 2, 1853; m., Apr. 8, 1874, Fannie M. Blanding, b. Apr. 24, 1853.
- 37 1. Winfred I., b. Oct. 29, 1875.
- 38 IV. *Andrew I.*, b. Sept. 22, 1858; m., Oct. 18, 1876, Bessie A. Gates; resides in Troy.
- 39 1. Julia M., b. March 14, 1879.

- (28) DEA. LEVI A. FULLER, son of Amasa, m., Feb. 22, 1860, Elvira L., adopted dau. of Joseph Bemis of Ashburnham, b. June 4, 1839; d. Nov. 15, 1865. He was elected deacon of the Congregational Church Oct. 30, 1874.
- 40 I. *Cora A.*, b. June 24, 1862; d. July 27, 1862.
- 41 II. *Elmer A.*, b. Dec. 27, 1863.
- Mr. Fuller m. (2d), Oct. 30, 1866, Emily L., dau. of Dr. Willard and Anstrice (Joslin) Adams of Swanzey, b. July 28, 1848.
- 42 III. *Ida E.*, b. Nov. 16, 1871.
- 43 IV. *Walter T.*, b. July 6, 1876.

- 1 DANIEL GAGE was b. Dec. 16, 1757. He came from Hubbardston, Mass., to Marl. some time previous to 1793, and located on the farm now owned by Daniel Towne, where he continued to reside till his death, Jan. 15, 1818. His wife, Sarah, who was b. March 14, 1763, d. Jan. 30, 1818.
- 2 I. *Samuel*, b. March 7, 1782; m., Apr. 3, 1805, Patty, dau. of William and Mehitable (Jones) Tenney. He d. in Templeton, Mass.
- 3 II. *Abigail*, b. Aug. 9, 1784; m., Nov. 23, 1807, Jeremy Underwood of Jaffrey.
- 4 III. *Daniel*, b. March 28, 1787; removed to Jamaica, Vt.
- 5 IV. *Aaron*, b. Aug. 8, 1791.
- 6 V. *Sally*, b. July 30, 1793; d. Jan. 26, 1814.
- 7 VI. *Priscilla*, b. Apr. 23, 1795; m., Apr. 23, 1815, John Simonds of Templeton, Mass.

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| 8 | vii. <i>Phinehas</i> , b. Apr. 19, 1797; removed to the West. |
| 9 | viii. <i>John</i> , b. June 14, 1799; was a tanner; settled in Petersham, Mass. |
| 10 | ix. <i>Luke</i> , b. March 2, 1802; d. in New York City. |

GARFIELD.

The Garfields of this country are mostly descendants of Edward Garfield, one of the earliest proprietors of Watertown, Mass. He m. (1st) Rebecca —, the mother of his children. She d. Apr. 16, 1661, æ. 55; and he m. (2d), Sept. 1, 1661, Johanna, widow of Thomas Buckminster of Brookline. He d. June 14, 1672. His youngest son, Benjamin, b. 1643, m. (1st) Mehitable Hawkins, who d. Dec. 9, 1675; and he m. (2d), Jan. 17, 1677-78, Elizabeth Bridge. He was representative of Watertown nine times between 1689 and 1717. He d. Nov. 28, 1717. Thomas, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Bridge) Garfield, b. Dec. 12, 1680, settled in Weston, Mass., where he m., Jan. 2, 1706-7, Mary, dau. of Joshua and Elizabeth (Flagg) Bigelow, who d. Feb. 28, 1744-45. He d. Feb. 4, 1752. His son John, b. Dec. 3, 1718, m., 1744-45, Thankful Stowell. He d. May, 1767.

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| 1 | JOHN GARFIELD, son of John and Thankful (Stowell) Garfield, b. in Weston, Mass., Oct. 11, 1751; m., July 6, 1775, Lucy Smith of Weston, and settled first in Lincoln, where ten of his children were born. About 1792, he removed to Marl., and purchased the farm afterwards owned by his son Abel, now within the limits of Troy. He gained the reputation of being an industrious man and a good citizen. |
| 2 | i. <i>Sarah</i> , b. Apr. 11, 1776; m. Richard Davis; d. in Vermont. |
| 3 | ii. <i>John</i> , b. Oct., 1777; m. Lucy Davis; d. in Londonderry, Vt. |
| 4 | iii. <i>Abraham</i> , b. June 12, 1779; m., Oct. 6, 1805, Eunice, dau. of David and Eunice (Whitney) Thurston; settled in Troy. |
| 5 | iv. <i>Lucy</i> , b. Feb. 19, 1781; m. Easman Alexander, <i>q.v.</i> |
| 6 | v. <i>Samuel</i> , b. Apr. 8, 1782; d. in New York. |
| 7 | vi. <i>James</i> , b. Apr. 18, 1784; d. 1844. |
| 8 | vii. <i>Thomas</i> , b. Sept. 29, 1785; m., Sept. 1, 1811, Lois Cobb of Jaffrey; settled in Londonderry, Vt. |
| 9 | viii. <i>Isaac</i> , b. July 7, 1787; m. Submit Alexander. |
| 10 | ix. <i>Thankful</i> , b. May 1, 1790; m. Israel Davis; settled in Montgomery, Vt. |
| 11 | x. <i>Abel</i> , b. Apr. 20, 1792; m. Martha Fuller; settled in Troy. |
| 12 | xi. <i>Elijah</i> , b. in Marl., June 14, 1794; m. Polly Pierce; d. in N.Y. |

- 13 XII. *Enoch*, b. in Marl., Oct. 26, 1796; m. Lucy Hodgkins; settled in Troy.
- 14 XIII. { *Abigail*, b. in Marl., Nov. 10, 1798; m. Newell Day; settled in Winchendon.
- 15 XIV. Twins. { *Hepzibeth*, b. in Marl., Nov. 10, 1798; m. Amos Ray; settled in Gardner.

16 GEORGE WASHINGTON GARFIELD, son of Abel and Martha (Fuller) Garfield, b. in Troy, 1825; m., Oct. 31, 1852, Augusta L., dau. of George and Louisa (Jones) Harvey. He came to Marl. in 1851, and was for a short time in company with Isaac Fuller in the manufacture of boxes, after which he was station-agent at Marl. depot five years. He then moved to the village, and was associated with Elisha O. Woodward in the store, three years. He removed to Keene in 1862, where he was freight agent for Cheshire R.R. four years; then removed to Lawrence, N.Y., in 1867, where he was for nine years engaged in the pail and butter-tub business; returned to Keene in 1876, where he now resides. Mrs. Garfield d. May 27, 1878.

- 17 I. *Winfred G.*, b. Apr. 27, 1854; d. Apr. 4, 1859.
- 18 II. *Infant daughter*, b. Nov. 26, 1859; d. Nov. 29, 1859.

19 ASA GARFIELD, probably not connected with the foregoing families, settled on land now known as the Prescott pasture, about 1802. He had previously resided in Orange and Chelsea, Vt.

- 20 I. *Cevy*, b. in Orange, Vt., March 31, 1800.
- 21 II. *Phebe*, b. in Chelsea, Vt., July 11, 1802.
- 22 III. *Hollis*, b. in Marl., Oct. 17, 1804.
- 23 IV. *Frederick*, b. in Marl., Apr. 7, 1807.
- 24 V. *Asa*, b. in Marl., June 28, 1809.

1 LEVI GATES came from Marl., Mass., about 1795, and settled on the farm now occupied by Ivers L. Richardson. Mr. Gates was in some respects a self-made man: he stored his mind with considerable history, and was well versed in the affairs of the country. By close application to the branches of a common-school education, he qualified himself for teaching, which he followed for several winters, with good success. In 1807, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace, and was employed by the people of the town to draft deeds and other legal instruments. He also held courts for justice trials, whenever it was necessary so to do. He held the office of Selectman and Town Clerk for several years, and repre-

sented the town in the General Court two years. He was a man possessed of considerable natural ability, comparing favorably in that and other respects with the leading men of the town. His wife was Hannah, dau. of Caleb and Hannah (Barnes) Brigham of Marlboro, Mass., b. Apr. 17, 1767, and d. Oct. 2, 1837. He d. Jan. 3, 1832, æ. 71. The first three children b. in Marlboro, Mass.

- 2 i. *Levi*, b. June 26, 1789.†
- 3 ii. *Dolly*, b. Feb. 12, 1791; d. Jan. 23, 1798.
- 4 iii. *Nancy*, b. March 20, 1793; m., Jan. 22, 1818, Elliott Coolidge.
- 5 iv. *Hannah*, b. July 29, 1796; d. Dec. 3, 1814.
- 6 v. *Dolly*, b. Aug. 8, 1798; m., March 5, 1819, John Harris of Fitchburg.
- 7 vi. *Hepsibeth*, b. Dec. 11, 1800; d. Dec. 2, 1807.
- 8 vii. *Eliza*, b. Apr. 22, 1803; m. Enoch Foster; removed to Michigan.
- 9 viii. *Joseph*, b. Apr. 19, 1805; d. March 2, 1806.
- 10 ix. *Joseph Brigham*, b. Aug. 23, 1810; d. July 14, 1811.

(2) LEVI GATES, son of Levi, m. Permilla, dau. of Asa and Eunice (Williams) Porter, and settled on home farm, where he d. Sept. 23, 1858.

- 11 i. *Austin Brigham*, b. March 8, 1821; m., Sept. 19, 1844, Samira, dau. of Joseph M. and Fannie (Brigham) Forristall of Troy, b. Oct. 31, 1823; resides in Troy.
- 12 ii. *Elmina W.*, b. Oct. 31, 1822; m. Ivers L. Richardson, *g.v.*
- 13 iii. *Winslow Lovell*, b. Feb. 20, 1824; m., Jan. 20, 1876, Sarah M. Derby of Harrisville.
- 14 iv. *Ann Jannett*, b. June 29, 1828; d. Dec. 13, 1836.
- 15 v. *Everett Felton*, b. Feb. 19, 1843; d. Aug. 30, 1863.

16 ELLJAH GATES, a brother of Levi, Sen., b. 1765; m. Dorcas Farnsworth, and settled first in Bolton, Mass. He came to Marl. in 1800, and purchased of Ebenezer Rhodes, Jr., the farm on which his son Elijah now resides. He d. Oct. 16, 1824. His widow d. Jan. 12, 1857, æ. 87.

- 17 i. *Walter*, b. in Bolton, July 25, 1791; d. um.
- 18 ii. *Winsor*, b. in Bolton, Sept. 26, 1794; m., June 19, 1825, Esther, dau. of Amasa, and Zeuriah (Capron) Converse; d. in Westmoreland. His wife d. Feb. 6, 1828.

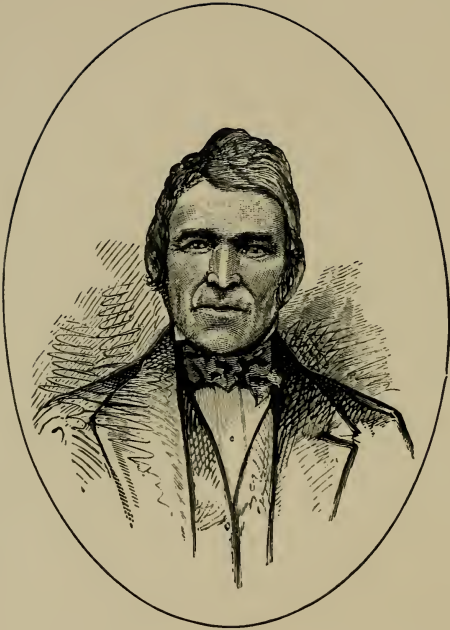
- 19 I. Dorothy M., b. March 27, 1826; m. James Harvey, *q.v.*
- 20 III. *Achsah*, b. in Bolton, Jan. 6, 1798; d. Sept. 8, 1800.
- 21 IV. *Elijah*, b. in Marl., June 17, 1801.+
- 22 V. *Calvin*, b. in Marl., Feb. 23, 1804; d. um.
- 23 VI. *Rufus*, b. in Marl., Sept. 12, 1807; m. Minerva Page of Swanzey; resides in Keene.
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- (21) ELIJAH GATES, son of Elijah, m., Oct. 20, 1831, Amoret, dau. of Nathan E. and Eunice (Porter) Wild; settled on home farm, where he now resides.
- 24 I. *Caroline Maria*, b. Feb. 21, 1833; m., Apr. 14, 1852, Bradley E. Wright; d. Nov. 16, 1862.
- 25 II. *Achsah Amoret*, b. Sept. 3, 1834; m. Granville Morse, *q.v.*
- 26 III. *Ivory Elijah*, b. Aug. 20, 1836.+
- 27 IV. *Angelia Whitcomb*, b. July 28, 1838; m., Jan. 22, 1860, Charles W. Hathaway; resides in East Boston.
- 28 V. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Apr. 29, 1840; m., Aug. 17, 1859, Joseph Wright; resides in Keene.
- 29 VI. *Ellen D.*, b. Sept. 18, 1842; d. Aug. 7, 1843.
- 30 VII. *Emily Minerva*, b. Aug. 21, 1847; m., May 4, 1870, Sawyer Porter; resides in Leominster, Mass.
- 31 VIII. *Alice Ellen*, b. Oct. 9, 1850; resides in Marl., um.
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- (26) IVORY E. GATES, son of Elijah, m., Sept. 18, 1861, Olive Ann, dau. of Saril and Almira (Collins) Whitcomb; settled on the Artemas Collins farm, where he now resides.
- 32 I. *Jennie E.*, b. Aug. 7, 1862.
- 33 II. *John D.*, b. July 7, 1867.
- 34 III. *Katie M.*, b. Dec. 23, 1869.
- 35 IV. *Harry H.*, b. June 20, 1872.
- 36 V. *Fred Ivory*, b. Apr. 12, 1875.
- 37 VI. *Leon W.*, b. Nov. 24, 1877.
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- 38 OLDHAM GATES, son of Amos and Mary (Trowbridge) Gates of Framingham, Mass., b. July 27, 1759; m., June 1783, Deborah, dau. of Nathan and Thankful (Gibbs) Winch of Framingham, b. May 6, 1765. They settled in Dublin, June, 1784; removed to Marl. in 1797; resided for some time on the Abner Russell place, also for a short time on the farm now owned by Ivory E. Gates. He d. in Pittsburg, N.Y., 1843.

- 39 I. *Deborah*, ———; d. young.
- 40 II. *Nellie*, b. Aug. 30, 1785; m., 1807, Joshua Harrington of Troy; removed to Alstead, where she d. Feb. 7, 1847.
- 41 III. *Amos*, b. Aug. 29, 1787; m., and settled in Middleburg, N.Y.
- 42 IV. *Ruth*, b. Nov. 2, 1789; m. Ethan Hall of Grafton, N.Y.; d. Aug. 3, 1871.
- 43 V. *Oldham*, b. March 12, 1792; m., and settled in Middleburg, N.Y.
- 44 VI. *Anna*, b. June 15, 1794; m. — Porter; removed to the West.
- 45 VII. *Nathan*, b. May 2, 1796; m., and settled in New York.
- 46 VIII. *John*, m., and settled in Middleburg, N.Y.
- 47 IX. *Clarissa*, m. — Porter; lived in Athens, N.Y.
- 48 X. *Marrilla*, m. — Wyman; lived in Albany, N.Y.
- 49 XI. *Patty*, m., and settled in New York.
- 50 XII. *Polly*, removed to the West.
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- 51 JOHN GATES, a brother of Oldham, bap. in Framingham, Mass., May 31, 1772; m., Jan. 5, 1795, Eunice, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Beals) Winch of Framingham, b. Oct. 26, 1770. He came to Marl. about 1801, and resided on the farm now owned by Ivory E. Gates. His wife d. Nov. 16, 1803; and he m. (2d) Jemima, dau. of Timothy and Martha (Long) Harvey, Oct. 21, 1805, and removed to New York.
- 52 A child of John Gates d. June 23, 1809, æ. almost 3 years. (Fish records.)
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GIBBS.

MATTHEW GIBBS was in Sudbury, Mass., in 1654. He m. Mary, dau. of Robert Bradish of Cambridge, who d. about 1659. His second son, John, m. Anna Gleason of Sherborn; settled in Sudbury, and had among others Isaac, who m., 1725, Thankful Wheeler.

- 1 ISAAC GIBBS, son of Isaac and Thankful (Wheeler) Gibbs, b. in Sudbury, Mass., Jan. 28, 1728; m., 1755, Lois Townsend. He first settled in Sudbury. About 1759, he removed to Framingham, where he remained until 1787, when he came to Marl. He probably resided on the Temple place, now owned by Elias A. Thatcher. He d. Nov., 1799. Mrs. Gibbs d. in Gilsam, June 23, 1825. At that time, her children and grandchildren numbered one hundred, and great-grandchildren one hundred and twenty.



Charles Gilbert

- 2 I. *Lois*, b. Nov., 1756; m. Timothy Walker of
Hopkinton.
3 II. *Olive*, b. May 18, 1758; m. Ebenezer Temple, *q.v.*
4 III. *Annie*, b. Oct. 26, 1760; m. Jonathan Ball, *q.v.*
5 IV. *Molly*, b. Oct. 21, 1762; published to Abijah
Woodward Aug. 27, 1786.
6 V. *Patty*, b. June 3, 1765; m. John Stow of South-
borough.
7 VI. *Thankful*, b. June 23, 1767; m. William Moffit;
settled in Shefford, Canada.
8 VII. *Eleanor*.
9 VIII. *Nabby*, bap. March 4, 1770.
10 IX. *Eunice*, m. Aaron Lombard, *q.v.*

1 CHARLES GILBERT, b. in Sharon, Mass., Nov. 6, 1793;
carpenter by trade; came to Marl. in the spring of 1815;
m., Jan., 1820, Emily, dau. of Col. Joseph and Zilpha
(Roberts) Frost. She d. July 14, 1851; and he m. (2d),
May 6, 1852, Emily Lang of Concord, N.H., who d. Sept.
30, 1874. He d. Feb. 9, 1863.

- 2 I. *Eliza*, ———; m., Apr. 11, 1844, Joseph Blanch-
ard, *q.v.* She resides, a widow, in Leominster,
Mass.
3 II. *John*, ———; m., Dec. 17, 1848, Mary Lee;
resides in Waltham, Mass.; is a contractor
and builder.
4 III. *Atossa*, ———; m. Calvin Farrar, *q.v.*
5 IV. *Lydia*, ———; d. Aug. 22, 1845.
6 V. *Caroline P.*, ———; m., June 1, 1853, L. W.
Porter; resides in Leominster, Mass.
7 VI. *Mary Ann*, ———; d. Feb. 25, 1853.

1 MOSES GODDARD was b. in Marlboro, Mass., Nov. 21,
1742. He was a son of William, who m., Jan. 26, 1726,
Keziah Cloys, and the fourth generation from William
Goddard of London, England, who m. Elizabeth Miles
about 1650, and came to this country in 1665, and set-
tled in Watertown, Mass., where he was known as a
teacher.

Moses m. Milly Walker. He came to this town in
1770, and purchased the lot of land afterward owned by
his brother-in-law, Eliphalet Stone. He remained here
but a few years, and then removed to Stukely, Conn.

- 2 I. *Eber*, b. Apr. 5, 1766.
3 II. *Abel*, b. Sept. 22, 1767.
4 III. *Moses*, b. Feb. 23, 1771.
5 IV. *Elijah*, b. March 15, 1773.
6 V. *Archelaus*, b. May 13, 1775.

- 7 VI. *Silas*, b. March 7, 1778.
 8 VII. *Abraham*, b. May 22, 1780.
 9 VIII. *Solomon*, b. July 16, 1782.
 10 IX. *Milley*, b. Oct. 30, 1785.

- 1 DANIEL GOODENOW, or Goodenough, was probably the third settler of the township. He was from Marlboro, Mass., where he m., Dec. 29, 1746, Martha Banister. For many years, he was one of the most influential men in this town, holding many offices under the rule of the proprietors, being cotemporary with Joseph Collins and Benjamin Tucker. In 1783, he sued the town for a sum of money, which he claimed was due him for the service of his son, Ebenezer, in the war; but, failing to gain the suit, he soon after removed from town, perhaps to Framingham, Mass. He resided at different places in town, first locating on the road leading from George A. Porter's to "Butler Hill" in Troy. In 1780, we find him residing on the old Hunt road, which leads from the Hunt farm to the Alger place. Of his children, all but the two youngest were probably b. in Marlboro, Mass. The three youngest were among the first children baptized in Monadnock No. V.
- 2 I. *Sybil*, b. May 31, 1747; m. Richard Roberts, *q.v.*
 3 II. *Lovina*, b. Feb. 19, 1749.
 4 III. *John*, b. Dec. 1, 1751; m., Aug. 19, 1765, Phebe Saunders.
 5 IV. *Stephen*, b. Apr. 29, 1753.
 6 V. *Adina*, or Adino, b. July 15, 1755.
 7 VI. *Mary*, b. March 18, 1757; published to Timothy Rogers July 31, 1783.
 8 VII. *Martha*, b. Apr. 22, 1759.
 9 VIII. *Calvin*, b. Feb. 15, 1762.†
 10 IX. *A child*, b. Jan. 3, 1764; d. Jan. 28, 1764.
 11 X. *Ebenezer*, b. July 13, 1765.
 12 XI. *Lydia*, bap. June 23, 1771; probably m. Lawson Moore.
 13 XII. *Daniel*, bap. June 23, 1771.
- (9) CALVIN GOODENOW, son of Daniel, m. Elizabeth Parker of Braintree, Mass. After a residence of a few years in this town, he removed to Vermont, and d. in Salisbury, July, 1853. His wife d. in Middlebury, Vt., 1842, æ. 85. Children all but the two youngest b. in Marl.
- 14 I. *Cynthia*, ———; m. Zenas Robbins.
 15 II. *Calvin*, b. Apr. 13, 1785; d. at the age of 30, unm.
 16 III. *Luther*, b. July 25, 1787; m. Phebe Cushman; d. in Ogdensburg, N.Y.

- 17 iv. *Jesse*, b. March 12, 1789 (town records); m. Almira Robinson of Hancock, Vt.; resides in Middlebury, Vt.
- 18 v. *Asa*, b. Nov. 1, 1792; m. Patty Spofford of Hancock, Vt.; resides in Middlebury, Vt.
- 19 vi. *Betsey*, m. Ira Cooper; settled in Illinois.
- 20 vii. *Olive*, d. in Hancock, Vt., æ. 19.

21 JONATHAN GOODENOW, whose name often appears' on the early records, probably resided at what has since been called "Goodenough knoll," near where J. Merrill Davis has since resided. He was, without doubt, from Marlboro, Mass., and returned to that place about 1780, with his wife Mary and children.

- 22 i. *Jonathan*.
- 23 ii. *David*.
- 24 iii. *Ephraim*.
- 25 iv. *Stephen*.
- 26 v. *Lucy*.
- 27 vi. *Esther*.
- 28 vii. *Eunice*.

29 BENJAMIN GOODENOW was the first settler on the Shaker place, so called, at the foot of the Grand Monadnock. His deed, which bears date of Nov. 28, 1771, represents him as from Marl., Mass.; but his name is not found on the records of that town. His wife was Mary —. Tradition tells us that twenty-eight children were b. to them. Whether this be true or not, we have reason to believe there was a large family, but we find the names of only those who were b. in Marl. He d. March 16, 1825. His widow d. in 1838.

- 30 i. *Benjamin*, b. June 9, 1772; m., Feb. 11, 1793, Eunice Hunt of Dublin.
- 31 ii. *William*, b. June 26, 1774; m., Apr. 19, 1798, Rachel Piper.
- 32 iii. *Parney*, b. May 7, 1776; m. Jonathan Blodgett, *q.v.*
- 33 iv. *John*, b. Feb. 8, 1778; m., Jan. 1, 1799, Susanna, dau. of Theophilus and Bathsheba Howard.
- 34 v. *Samuel*, b. Oct. 23, 1779.
- 35 vi. *George*, b. March 18, 1781; m., Aug. 17, 1800, Betty Rogers.
- 36 vii. *Henry*, b. March 5, 1782.

1 DANIEL GOULD came from Fitzwilliam in 1787, and settled in the south part of the town now included in Troy. He for several years owned the grist-mill built by Phineas Farrar. He left town about 1797.

2	I. <i>Daniel</i> .
3	II. <i>Joseph</i> , m., Aug. 14, 1796, Chloe Foster.
4	III. <i>Isaac</i> .
5	IV. <i>Sally</i> , m., Jan. 1, 1799, John Sweetland of Fitzwilliam.
6	V. <i>Eli</i> .
7	VI. <i>Polly</i> .
8	VII. <i>Reuben</i> , m., Feb. 23, 1799, Rebecca Cutting.
9	VIII. <i>Abigail</i> , m. William Bruce.
10	HENRY GOULD, son of John and Eliza (Appleton) Gould, b. in New Ipswich, Feb. 25, 1827; m., June 15, 1852, Sarah C., dau. of Joshua and Susanna (Babcock) Flint, b. in Dublin, Sept. 30, 1825. She d. in Marl., Sept. 14, 1859.
11	I. <i>Sarah Amelia</i> , b. in New Ipswich, June 22, 1856; m., March 13, 1877, Charles L. Bemis.
12	GEORGE E. GOULD, son of David and Lois (Dutton) Gould, b. in Greenfield, N.H., Dec. 26, 1848; m., Sept. 14, 1869, Lucy E., dau. of Artemas and Catharine (Thatcher) Bemis.
13	I. <i>Eva Lois</i> , b. Jan. 15, 1871.
14	II. <i>Ada Bell</i> , b. Oct. 9, 1874.
15	III. <i>Bertha Ellen</i> , b. Feb. 24, 1878.
1	ISRAEL GREENLEAF and Prudence, his wife, with their children, Elizabeth, John, Sarah, Tilley, Joshua, and Prudence, from Bolton, Mass.; warned to leave town Jan., 1781.

GREENWOOD.

WILLIAM GREENWOOD from Sherborn, Mass., settled in Dublin in 1765. He was a carpenter by trade, and was killed at the raising of a barn, June 28, 1782, æ. 61. He m. Abigail Death of Sherborn, who d. Oct. 1, 1814, æ. 91. They had eight children,—Daniel, Waitstill, Elizabeth, Eli, Joshua, Hepzibah, Abigail, and William.

Elizabeth m., Aug. 27, 1772, Moses Greenwood from Newton, b. 1750; settled in Dublin, 1771, where he d. July 2, 1827. She d. Apr. 5, 1827. Their eldest son, Moses, b. June 29, 1776, m., 1792, Asenath, dau. of Ebenezer and Esther (Pratt) Hill of Dublin, b. Aug. 17, 1778. He d. Sept. 6, 1827. She d. May 31, 1851. They had ten children. Their eighth child, Ebenezer, is numbered 29 in the following records of the Greenwood family.

Eli, b. in Sherborn, Mass., 1751, m., Dec. 12, 1776, Betsey, dau. of John French, b. in Hollis, 1760, and d. in Dublin, Jan. 17, 1833. He d. Oct. 8, 1837. His eldest son, Eli, is numbered 1 in the following register.

Joshua m., Aug. 22, 1779, Hannah, dau. of Gershom and Prudence

(Adams) Twitchell of Dublin. His son Asa is numbered 8 in the following register.

William m. Azubah —, and d. Aug. 30, 1830, æ. 74. His son William is numbered 15 in the following register.

1 ELI GREENWOOD, son of Eli and Betsey (French) Greenwood, b. in Dublin, March 13, 1799; m., Sept. 25, 1822, Roxanna, dau. of Luther Carlton of Lunenburg, Mass., b. Jan. 20, 1801. They resided in Dublin until March, 1836, when they came to Marl., and resided in the brick house now owned by Artemas Richardson. He removed with his family to Nashua, Apr., 1842. He d. July 31, 1868. His widow now resides in Troy, N.Y.

2 I. *Arvada I.*, b. in Dublin, Oct. 30, 1824; d. Nov. 21, 1824.

3 II. *Eliza M.*, b. in Dublin, Dec. 6, 1825; m., June 10, 1846, John P. Wight; resides in Troy, N.Y.

4 III. *Zoa Ann*, b. in Dublin, Oct. 14, 1829; d. March 7, 1866.

5 IV. *Martha A.*, b. in Dublin, Aug. 24, 1832; d. Sept. 19, 1848.

6 V. *Charles I.*, b. in Marl., Nov. 12, 1837; d. Dec. 14, 1858.

7 VI. *Sarah S.*, b. in Marl., Dec. 10, 1838; d. Sept. 10, 1839.

8 ASA GREENWOOD, son of Joshua and Hannah (Twitchell) Greenwood, b. in Dublin, July 1, 1797; m., Dec. 31, 1821, Mrs. Lucy Evens, widow of Heman Evens and dau. of Benjamin and Phebe (Norcross) Mason of Dublin, b. June 3, 1799. He settled first in Dublin, but moved to Marl., June, 1836. Mrs. Greenwood d. Feb. 20, 1852; and he m. (2d) Mary, dau. of John and Prudence (Twitchell) Minot, and removed to Illinois in 1853. He resided for a short time in Peoria, Farmington, Yates City, and finally removed to Toulon, Stark Co., Ill., where he continued to reside until the summer of 1877, when he returned to the East to visit his friends, and d. at the house of his son in Dummerston, Vt., July 16, 1877. He was an extraordinary benevolent and public-spirited man. Marlboro is very much indebted to him for many of its former important improvements. It was through his generosity that the Universalist Society are now able to boast of their commodious church-edifice. He also furnished the land, laid out and fenced Granitville cemetery almost exclusively at his own expense, and there his remains were interred. For many years he had expressed a great

desire to be buried there; and he arrived here from his Western home only a few days before his death. He, too, was the leading spirit, if not the prime mover, in the erection of nearly all of our present substantial granite dwellings, factories, etc. Probably, no one man ever lived in this town who did so much for the rapid growth and permanent prosperity of the town as he did in the time he resided here.

- 9 i. *Heman Evens*, b. 1822; m. Lucy, dau. of Eber and Lydia (Adams) Tenney; removed to Galesburg, Ill., in the spring of 1854, where he d. 1860.
- 10 ii. *John*, b. Dec., 1824; m. Mary Ann, dau. of Geo. and Laura (Greenwood) Worsley; removed to Galesburg, Ill., in 1854, and while there established a machine-shop and foundry, of which he had control until 1870, when he moved to Denver, Col., where he now resides.
- 11 iii. *Frederick R.*, b. Dec. 18, 1826; m., and resides in Toulon, Ill.
- 12 iv. *Maria*, b. 1829; m. J. Whitney Tenney; d. March 20, 1855.
- 13 v. *William Henry*, b. March 27, 1832; m. Eva D. Knight of Dummerston, Vt. He was chief engineer of the Sullivan Palmer International and Inter-Ocean Railroad in Mexico, and on the 29th of August, 1880, was murdered while in discharge of his duty near Rio Hondo. The *Boston Morning Journal* of Sept. 24, 1880, says:—

“The death of Colonel W. H. Greenwood, Engineer in Chief of the Sullivan Palmer Railroad enterprise, has thrown a gloom over the capital. Indignation against the crime, sympathy for the widow, and grief for the loss of a man honored and respected by all who knew him, have been manifested everywhere, in all grades of society. His funeral was attended by about one hundred and fifty persons, among whom were Americans, English, French, and Germans, and, we have to add, a very large number of distinguished Mexicans. The government has resolutely taken the most active steps to discover the criminals, and already three men have been captured, against whom it is said the evidence is strong. Colonel Greenwood was highly respected by all who knew him, and we trust for the honor of Mexico and in the name of justice that due punishment



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of the criminals will promptly follow, so that it will appear this was not an act of Mexico, but of vile wretches whom we all abhor. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and had surveyed and superintended the construction of over three thousand miles of railroad. It was his firm resolution to build the railroad to Toluca in five months." (See Chap. XIII.)

14 VI. *Mary Ann*, ———; d. Aug. 12, 1841, æ. 17 mos.

15 WILLIAM GREENWOOD, son of William and Azubah Greenwood, b. Sept. 1, 1791; m., May 11, 1813, Betsey J. Needham, b. March 23, 1789. He settled in Marl. soon after his marriage, on the farm now owned by Milton J. White, where he d. Dec. 8, 1841. His widow m., Sept. 9, 1849, Capt. John Lane, who d. Apr. 28, 1850, and she m. (3d) Samuel Jones, Sen., who d. May 23, 1860, and she m. (4th) Capt. John Wight. She d. July 19, 1870.

16 I. *Betsey Caroline*, b. Jan. 21, 1814; m. Josiah Fitch, *q.v.*

17 II. *Harriet N.*, b. Aug. 21, 1817; m. William Richardson, *q.v.*

18 III. *Edwin*, b. Feb. 25, 1823. +

19 IV. *William Winslow*, b. May 21, 1825. +

(18) EDWIN GREENWOOD, son of William, m. Esther A. Nims of Sullivan. He resided in Marl. several years, and then removed to Sterling, Mass. He now resides in Keene. No record of this family has been received. The following children were b. in Marl.: —

20 I. *Eugene*, m., and resides in Keene.

21 II. *Orman Edwin*, m.; resides in Boston.

22 III. *Frank*.

(19) WILLIAM W. GREENWOOD, son of William, m., Apr. 2, 1850, Sarah Hardy of Hollis; resided in Marl. until Oct., 1866, when he removed to Milford, N.H., where his wife d. Jan. 23, 1877, and he m. (2d), June 27, 1878, Mrs. Abbie J. George.

23 I. *Minot W.*, b. in Marl., July 30, 1854; m., June 23, 1878, Ida A. Wallace of Milford, where he now resides.

24 II. *Mary Ellen*, b. Oct. 2, 1861.

25 DANIEL GREENWOOD, another son of William and Azubah Greenwood, b. in Dublin, Feb. 14, 1794; m.,

1817, Polly Needham of Milford, N.H. He was a manufacturer of brown earthen-ware, and settled on the old Pottersville road, a few rods above the school-house in District No. 7.

- 26 I. *Emily*, b. Apr. 13, 1819; m., Sept., 1836, Norman Hart of Dublin, who d. Dec., 1838, and she m. (2d), Oct., 1839, Charles Whitmore of Barry, Ill. She d. Feb., 1865.

Mr. Greenwood's wife d. July 5, 1820; and he m. (2d), Jan. 2, 1821, Rebecca Hardy of Hollis. He d. May 19, 1833. She d. in Jaffrey, Jan. 7, 1871.

- 27 II. *Mary*, b. Dec. 24, 1823; m., March 20, 1842, Alvin J. Bemis; resides in Jaffrey.
- 28 III. *Sylvia*, b. Apr. 8, 1830; d. Apr. 26, 1837.

- 29 EBENEZER GREENWOOD, son of Moses and Asenath (Hill) Greenwood, was b. Oct. 23, 1812, in a log house opposite the Rider mill in Dublin. He m., Nov. 19, 1835, Lucy, dau. of Ruggles and Lucy (Kingsbury) Smith of Dublin, b. Nov. 5, 1816. Settled first in Dublin, where he held the office of Town Clerk for nine successive years, and a portion of that time Town Treasurer. He was also Postmaster from 1849 to 1853. He came to this town to reside, June 1, 1858; d. March 20, 1861. His widow now resides in Fitchburg. Children b. in Dublin, except the youngest.

- 30 I. *Lucy Marcella*, b. Aug. 21, 1836; m. Sumner L. McCollister, *q.v.*

- 31 II. *Mark True*, b. Nov. 18, 1838; m., Jan. 22, 1868, Mary A. Chapin of Westmoreland. He enlisted in Co. A, 2d N.H. Reg., Apr., 1861; was in the first battle of Bull Run, where he was very much prostrated by the retreat, hardships, and exposure of that time, the effect of which brought on a disease of the throat and lungs from which he never fully recovered. He was discharged Sept., 1861, and re-enlisted in Co. L, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery, and was commissioned Quartermaster Sergeant Dec. 22, 1863. He remained in the service until the close of the war. Removed to Fitchburg, Mass., and was foreman of a machine-shop several years, and d. there Feb. 18, 1875.

- 32 1. Walter, b. in Fitchburg, Apr. 8, 1869; d. Dec. 24, 1870.

- 33 2. George True, b. in Fitchburg, Apr. 11, 1871.

- 34 III. *Ebenezer Tyler*, b. Feb. 27, 1841. He was a Corporal in Co. A, 14th Reg. N.H. Vols.; was wounded in both hips at the battle of Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864; discharged July 8, 1865. He m., Oct. 7, 1869, Abbie A. Harrington of Fitchburg; removed to Akron, Ohio, where he was for some time foreman in a machine-shop. He d. in Akron, Nov. 19, 1876. He suffered to the close of his life from the effects of his wounds and disease contracted in the army.
- 35 1. Grace, b. in Akron, July 20, 1870.
- 36 2. Gertrude Louisa, b. in Akron, Feb. 11, 1873.
- 37 IV. *Jonathan Allen*, b. Jan. 16, 1844; m., Aug. 22, 1867, Hattie M., dau. of George V. R. and Nancy V. (Webb) Farnum. He d. May 18, 1868. She d. Nov. 7, 1871.
- 38 V. *George Leonard*, b. July 16, 1849; m., Nov. 16, 1871, Hattie E. Underwood of Swanzey, where they now reside.
- 39 1. Edna Margaret, b. Sept. 12, 1876.
- 40 2. True Leonard, b. Nov. 7, 1877; d. Nov. 13, 1878.
- 41 VI. *Sarah Maria*, b. Apr. 28, 1852; m., Dec. 14, 1870, Harrison Upton of Fitchburg, where they now reside.
- 42 1. Lizzie Marcella, b. Dec. 18, 1874.
- 43 VII. *Henry Arthur*, b. in Marl., Nov. 11, 1858; resides in Fitchburg.

- 1 BARTHOLOMEW GRIMES, from Keene, settled in town as early as 1785. He located on the most northerly farm in the town, being the same now owned by Alba Davis in Roxbury. We find no record of his death or removal from town.
- 2 I. *John*, b. in Keene, Apr. 7, 1775; m. Sally Grimes of Hubbardston, Mass. He d. March 24, 1851. She d. in Gilsum, 1845.
- 3 1. *Josiah*, b. in Gilsum, Aug. 2, 1813; d. in Westmoreland, Sept., 1876. He was the celebrated fortune-teller and vender of "Thistle thread, Kitridge grease, and essences," which he ever declared to be the best there was out.
- 4 II. *Hannah*, b. in Keene, Dec. 27, 1766; m. Stoddard Buckminster.

- 5 III. *William*, b. in Keene, July 13, 1770; m. Harriet Savage.
- 6 IV. *Susanna*, b. in Keene, Oct. 20, 1779; m. John Towns of Roxbury.
- 7 V. *Stephen P.*, b. in Keene, May 1, 1782.
- 8 VI. *Sally*, b. Apr. 28, 1785; m. Benjamin Norris.
- 9 VII. *Josiah*, m. Pattie Pomeroy.

- 1 MOSES GUILD, b. in Walpole, Mass., Jan. 6, 1772, m., March 19, 1795, Philena Barrows. He came to Marl. in 1797, and located on the Walter Capron place now in the limits of Roxbury.
- 2 I. *William*, b. in Walpole, Mass., Jan. 15, 1796; m., Apr. 25, 1820, Sally Banks. She d. in Rhode Island; and he m. (2d) Mary DeWolf, a native of Cuba. Soon after the incorporation of the town of Roxbury, he formed the first Sabbath-school in that town, and was for many years engaged in that work, and most of the time as superintendent. For more than twenty-five years, he was employed as a teacher of youth in a week-day school in Connecticut and Rhode Island.
- 3 II. *Willard*, b. Feb. 8, 1798; m., Nov. 2, 1822, Abigail Woods of Nelson. He was a cabinet-maker by trade; resided with his father a few years, and then removed to Michigan. He d. in Illinois, Feb. 20, 1865.
- 4 III. *Tyla*, b. Aug. 13, 1799; d. in Roxbury, June 22, 1855, um.
- Mrs. Guild d. Oct. 16, 1800; and he m. (2d), March 12, 1801, Sally, dau. of Gideon and Phæbe (Temple) Newton. He afterward removed to the Newton farm now owned by Mark Nye, where he d. Sept. 6, 1854. His wife d. Feb. 29, 1840.
- 5 IV. *Betsey*, b. Feb. 13, 1803; d. Oct. 1, 1822, um.
- 6 V. *Hannah*, b. March 3, 1812; m., Sept. 9, 1841, James W. Bain of Keene. He d. in Royalton, Vt., Oct. 7, 1865. She was living in So. Royalton (Dec., 1876).

HARDY.

THOMAS HARDY, son of Phineas and Abigail Hardy, b. in Hollis, June 11, 1756, m., Jan. 18, 1784, Lucy, dau. of Lieut. Robert Colburn, b. in Hollis, Jan. 12, 1761. He settled in Dublin, 1777; was in the army of the Revolution three years, and was engaged in the battles of Bunker Hill, Bennington, and Trenton. He d. in Dublin, July 25, 1816. His wife survived him, and d. Sept. 29, 1846. Their second son, Moses, b.

in Dublin, Sept. 14, 1786, m., Oct. 3, 1813, Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel and Deborah (Sylvester) Sargent, and settled in Dublin. They had ten children, among whom were Moses and Cyrus E., who are numbered 8 and 13 respectively.

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- 1 ELIAS HARDY, another son of Thomas and Lucy (Colburn) Hardy, b. in Dublin, Dec. 19, 1798; m., Feb. 28, 1826, Alice W., dau. of Samuel and Mary (Twitchell) Fisk, b. in Dublin, Sept. 16, 1800. Mr. Hardy settled first in Dublin, but moved to Walpole Apr. 6, 1842, and thence to Marlboro', where he d. July 27, 1872. Five of the children b. in Dublin, the youngest in Walpole.
- 2 I. *Samuel Albert*, b. Nov. 18, 1827; m., Jan. 3, 1854, Sarah Ann Hall; resided in Boston; d. June 29, 1858.
- 3 II. *Thomas Alfred*, b. Nov. 27, 1829; d. Oct. 1, 1853.
- 4 III. *Julia Sophia*, b. Feb. 23, 1832; m. William M. Tenney, *q.v.*
- 5 IV. *Mary Louisa*, b. May 20, 1834; m. Amaziah Sawtelle; resides in Detroit, Mich.
- 6 V. *Lucy Maria*, b. June 4, 1839.
- 7 VI. *Anna Elizabeth*, b. June 8, 1844; m. Alvin Streeter; d. Dec. 7, 1868.
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- 8 MOSES HARDY, son of Moses and Elizabeth (Sargent) Hardy, b. in Dublin, May 26, 1816; m. (1st), March 28, 1843, Clarissa Sargent of Phillipston, Mass.; settled on the Tozer farm in Roxbury. She d. Oct. 12, 1843; and he m. (2d), Dec. 24, 1845, Emily Colburn of Langdon, b. June 2, 1819. Mr. Hardy d. Oct. 19, 1866. His widow with her family removed to Marl., June 5, 1873.
- 9 I. *Clara E.*, b. Apr. 14, 1847; um.
- 10 II. *Nettie*, b. Nov. 21, 1850; m., Nov. 2, 1871, Alonzo Nye; resides in Roxbury.
- 11 III. *Chester A.*, b. Jan. 31, 1856, um.
- 12 IV. *Joseph L.*, b. Aug. 9, 1860.
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- 13 CYRUS EDMUND HARDY, second son and fifth child of Moses and Elizabeth (Sargent) Hardy, b. in Dublin, Sept. 29, 1818; m., May 11, 1845, Sarah, dau. of Samuel and Abigail (Merriam) Jones; settled first in Dublin; removed with his family to this town, March, 1859; enlisted into the army in the autumn of 1863, and served to the close of the war. Mrs. Hardy d. Dec. 26, 1863; and he m. (2d), Apr. 3, 1866, Mrs. Maria Smith of Dummerston, Vt. He d. Feb. 6, 1878, and she d. July 9, 1878. Children all but the youngest b. in Dublin.

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| 14 | i. <i>Eugene Walker</i> , b. Feb. 19, 1846; d. Dec. 3, 1854. |
| 15 | ii. <i>Solon Augustus</i> , b. July 5, 1847; d. July 30, 1854. |
| 16 | iii. <i>Abbie Sarah</i> , b. Oct. 30, 1849; m., March 28, 1871, Frederick A. Southwick; d. Feb. 21, 1874. |
| 17 | iv. <i>Adah Maria</i> , b. Apr. 10, 1851; d. June 11, 1851. |
| 18 | v. <i>Charles Webster</i> , b. Apr. 11, 1852; resides in Missouri, and is studying for a physician; um. |
| 19 | vi. <i>Solon Wallace</i> , b. Jan. 28, 1854; d. Nov. 20, 1877, um. |
| 20 | vii. <i>Fred Merriam</i> , b. June 6, 1857. |
| 21 | viii. <i>Nellie Maria</i> , b. in Marl., Dec. 9, 1859; resides in Wilton. |

HARRINGTON.

The Marlboro families bearing this name are descendants of Robert Harrington, one of the early proprietors of Watertown, Mass., and was admitted freeman May 27, 1663. He m., Oct. 1, 1649, Susanna George, b. 1632, d. July 6, 1694; and he d. May 17, 1707. He had thirteen children. His fourth son, Daniel, b. Nov. 1, 1657, m., Oct. 18, 1681, Sarah Whitney. She d. June 8, 1720; and he m. (2d), Oct. 25, 1720, Elizabeth, widow of Capt. Benjamin Garfield. His eldest son, Daniel, b. Feb. 24, 1684, m., Oct. 18, 1705, Elizabeth Warren. Soon after his marriage, he removed to Marl., Mass., where he d. Feb. 3, 1724. His son Daniel, b. Oct. 5, 1707, m. Mary ——. She d. June 9, 1793, in her eighty-ninth year. He d. Aug. 31, 1795. His youngest son, Jonah, is numbered 1 in the following register.

Thomas Harrington, another son of Robert and Susanna (George) Harrington of Watertown, b. Apr. 20, 1665, m., Apr. 1, 1686, Rebecca, widow of John White and dau. of John Bemis. His son Ebenezer, b. Jan. 27, 1687, m., Feb. 3, 1707-8, Hepzibah Cloyes of Framingham, and had, among others, Joshua, b. Oct. 11, 1718, m., Jan. 11, 1743, Sarah Nurse. She d.; and he m. (2d), Oct. 3, 1751, Betty Bent. Joshua, son of Joshua and Betty (Bent) Harrington, b. Sept. 13, 1755, m., 1776, Elizabeth Brigham of Shrewsbury, and settled in Fitzwilliam. He d. in Troy, Sept. 20, 1834. He had eight children, among whom was Elijah, who m., 1810, Prudence Newell, who d. 1827, and he m. (2d) Tabitha Tolman. His son, Alonzo Brigham Harrington, is numbered 8 in the following register.

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| 1 | JONAH HARRINGTON, son of Daniel and Mary Harrington, was b. in Marlboro, Mass., June 17, 1748. He m., Aug. 24, 1769, Damaris Warren of Marl., Mass., b. June 26, 1750. Soon after his marriage, he came to this town, and was the first settler on the Lemuel Brown place, now within the limits of Troy. He resided here some ten or fifteen years, and then removed to Vermont. Children b. in Marl. |
| 2 | i. <i>Jonah</i> , b. Apr. 27, 1771. |

- 3 II. *Darius*, b. Aug. 31, 1772.
 4 III. *David*, b. Feb. 26, 1774.
 5 IV. *Lucy*, b. Sept. 23, 1776.
 6 V. *Damaris*, b. Aug. 23, 1778.
 7 VI. *Leonard*, b. Oct. 25, 1780.

8 ALONZO BRIGHAM HARRINGTON, son of Elijah and
 Prudence (Newell) Harrington, b. in Troy, Apr. 9, 1815;
 m. Betsey, dau. of John and Irene (Newell) Lawrence,
 b. in Troy, 1814. He d. in Troy, July 9, 1866; and his
 family came to Marl. to reside, 1872.

- 9 I. *Edward*, b. March 15, 1833; d. March 27, 1856,
 um.
 10 II. *Charles B.*, b. Apr. 23, 1837; d. Apr. 20, 1859,
 um.
 11 III. *Eliza Jane*, b. Oct. 13, 1839; d. June 13, 1840.
 12 IV. *Adliza*, b. June 17, 1841; d. July 21, 1842.
 13 V. *Sarah A.*, b. Jan. 23, 1843; m. Munroe Dicky.
 14 VI. *Duane C.*, b. July 6, 1846; m., March, 1876,
 Marietta, dau. of Frederick and Sarah Hanna-
 ford of Cape Elizabeth, Me.; resides in Fitch-
 burg.
 15 VII. *Noyes G.*, b. Oct. 13, 1848; m., 1877, Ellen L.,
 dau. of Artemas and Lovina (Bemis) Richard-
 son; resides in Leominster, Mass.
 16 1. Anna Lovina, b. in Leominster, Apr. 17,
 1878; d. in Marl., July 25, 1878.
 17 2. Charles Brigham, b. in Marl., Aug. 14, 1879.
 18 VIII. *George A.*, b. July 8, 1851; resides in Fitchburg,
 um.
 19 IX. *Irene L.*, b. Oct. 13, 1855; m., Oct. 13, 1880, Rev.
 Millard F. Hardy of Whately, Mass.

20 SETH HARRINGTON came from Jaffrey. His wife was
 Rebecca, dau. of Abraham Brooks. They were warned
 to leave town Feb. 22, 1793. They were generally
 known as "King and Queen Harrington." He d. March
 3, 1808, æ. 61. His widow m. (2d), Apr. 3, 1809, Elea-
 zer Taylor of Dummerston, Vt. She d. Apr. 12, 1840,
 æ. 90. Mr. Harrington served in an Artillery Co. in the
 French and Indian War. Mrs. Harrington was known
 as a fortune-teller.

- 21 I. *Hannah*, ———; m., Oct. 11, 1801, Joseph Buss.
 22 II. *Abigail*, ———; m. Lewis Peck; removed to
 Vermont.
 23 III. *Rebecca*, ———; m., Nov. 25, 1810, Thomas
 Dunster; removed to Vermont.

- 24 iv. *James Brooks*, b. in Marl., Dec. 17, 1793; settled in Canada.
- 25 v. *Moses*, b. in Marl., Oct. 4, 1796; settled in Canada.

1 CHRISTOPHER HARRIS was a native of Rhode Island. He spent his minority in the town of Richmond. In 1787, he m. a young lady who also came from Rhode Island, and continued to reside in Richmond until 1796, when he came to Marl., and purchased the tavern in the south part of the town, formerly owned by Jonathan Ball, and within the present limits of Troy. About 1811, he removed to Rockingham, Vt., where he d. in 1828.

- 2 i. *Polly*, ———; m. Henry Tolman.
- 3 ii. *Luke*, ———; m. (1st) Polly Whitney, who d. Sept., 1818; and he m. (2d) Betsey Whitney, a sister of his first wife.
- 4 iii. *James*, ———; m. Eunice Foster. He was killed by the cars at the depot in Troy, 1856.
- 5 iv. *Daniel*, settled in Courtland, N.Y.
- 6 v. *Oliver*, settled in Plymouth, Mass.
- 7 vi. *Nancy*, ———; m. Barak Cooledge; d. in Sterling, Mass.
- 8 vii. *Joseph*, ———; m. Mary Ann Wheeler; removed to Michigan.

1 KIMBER HARVEY was the son of John Harvey, who came from Taunton, Mass., some time previous to the Revolution, and settled on the farm since occupied by his grandson, George Harvey. This farm at that time was within the limits of Swanzev, but was annexed to Marl. in 1793. Kimber Harvey was b. Apr. 15, 1755. His wife was Polly Hazelton. He settled on the home farm, where he d. Feb. 1, 1828. His widow d. May 2, 1842.

- 2 i. Twins. { *Luther*, b. Sept. 26, 1783; d. in Michigan, Feb. 8, 1816.
- 3 ii. { *Calvin*, b. Sept. 26, 1783. +
- 4 iii. *Polly*, b. Jan. 16, 1785; m., Jan. 21, 1807, Silas C. French; removed to Montpelier, Vt.; d. Apr. 19, 1869.
- 5 iv. *Betsey*, b. Oct. 26, 1786; m., Aug. 7, 1808, Josiah Fisk; d. March 7, 1865.
- 6 v. *Philinda*, b. Nov. 9, 1788; m. Nahum Baldwin of Swanzev; removed to Chester, Vt.; d. Oct. 3, 1871.
- 7 vi. *Charlotte*, b. Nov. 25, 1790; d. Nov. 19, 1816, unm.

- 8 VII. *Hannah*, b. Oct. 23, 1792; m., Jan. 10, 1815,
Samuel Kendall; d. Aug. 28, 1853.
- 9 VIII. *Nehemiah*, b. Oct. 13, 1794; m. Sophronia King
of Newport, N.H.; removed to Montpelier,
Vt.; d. Apr. 22, 1869.
- 10 IX. *David*, b. Aug. 10, 1796; went to Ohio.
- 11 X. *Demaris*, b. Oct. 3, 1798; m. Sylvester Frost,
q.v.; d. May 6, 1871.
- 12 XI. *Gilman*, b. Oct. 11, 1800; was in the Mexican war.
- 13 XII. *Roxanna*, b. Aug. 2, 1802; m., Oct. 25, 1825,
Timothy Lane, M.D.; d. Jan. 1, 1849.
- 14 XIII. *George*, b. Aug. 27, 1805.+
- 15 XIV. *Ira*, b. July 25, 1806; m., and resides in Provi-
dence, R.I.
- 16 XV. *James*, b. Dec. 8, 1810.+
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- (2) CALVIN HARVEY, son of Kimber, m., Jan. 10, 1810,
Sarah Dwinell of Keene, b. Apr. 12, 1789. He resided
in Keene and Marl.; removed to Shefford, Canada,
about 1819. He d. at Waterville, Vt., Jan. 14, 1855.
His widow is still living in Waterville.
- 17 I. *Charles*, b. Jan. 15, 1811; m., 1837, Mrs. —
Bean; settled in Boston; afterward removed
to the West.
- 18 II. *Laurinda C.*, b. Feb. 19, 1812; d. in Boston,
Apr., 1860, unm.
- 19 III. *Chester*, b. Jan. 29, 1814; m., 1843, Almira Hodg-
kins; settled in Waterville, Vt.; d. Sept. 7,
1863.
- 20 IV. *Carlos C.*, b. Jan. 25, 1816.
- 21 V. *Luther C.*, b. Jan. 12, 1818; m., 1847, Esther
Scott; d. in Montgomery, Vt., Jan. 21, 1853.
- 22 VI. *Sarah A.*, b. in Shefford, Canada, Nov. 3, 1820;
m., 1841, Solon Burdick; settled in Cambridge.
- 23 VII. *Calvin N.*, b. in Shefford, Canada, Apr. 2, 1825;
m., 1853, the widow of his brother Luther; d.
in Waterville, Vt., Nov. 7, 1875.
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- (14) GEORGE HARVEY, son of Kimber, m., Jan. 31, 1880,
Louisa, dau. of William and Sally (Merriam) Jones;
settled on the homestead, where he d. July 8, 1880.
- 24 I. *Louisa Augusta*, b. Jan. 19, 1829; m. George
W. Garfield, *q.v.*
- 25 II. *George M.*, b. Feb. 10, 1831; d. in New Orleans,
Oct. 3, 1867.
- 26 III. *Sarah H.*, b. Apr. 27, 1834; m. Francis E.
Adams, *q.v.*
- 27 IV. *Goodwin M.*, b. May 14, 1836; d. Sept. 17, 1837.

- 28 v. *James G.*, b. June 26, 1837; m., Jan. 24, 1861,
Maria B. Black; resides in Keene.
- 29 vi. *Ozro K.*, b. June 2, 1839; m., Dec. 4, 1870,
Catharine Regal; resides in Moscow, Mich.
- 30 vii. *Ora W.*, b. Nov. 19, 1840; m., Dec. 24, 1870,
Eliza A. Webber of Gardner, Mass.; resides at
Otter River, Mass.
- 31 viii. *Frank H.*, b. Aug. 25, 1850; m., Sept. 15, 1874,
Lizzie A. Goodwin of Westminster, Mass.;
resides on the homestead.
- 32 1. Frank Leslie, b. July 17, 1875.
- 33 2. Ernest Herbert, b. Apr. 22, 1877.
- 34 3. Mabel Goodwin, b. July 10, 1879.

(16) JAMES HARVEY, son of Kimber, m. Emily Fisk of Jaffrey; who d. Aug. 28, 1844; and he m. (2d), Dorothy, dau. of Winsor and Esther (Converse) Gates. He d. in Minnesota. The first three children by his first wife.

- 35 i. *Emma R.*, b. Apr. 28, 1839; d. Sept. 27, 1864.
- 36 ii. *Alphonso H.*, b. March 29, 1841.
- 37 iii. *James F.*, b. July 25, 1844.
- 38 iv. *George K.*, b. Nov. 14, 1848.
- 39 v. *Ella A.*, b. Aug. 27, 1851; d. Oct. 6, 1852.
- 40 vi. *Charles Gates*, b. Jan. 9, 1854.
- 41 vii. *Freddie Gilman*, b. Dec. 2, 1856.
- 42 viii. *Edwin B.*, b. May 25, 1859.
- 43 ix. *Willie W.*, b. May 14, 1863.
- 44 x. *Clara Rosina*, b. Oct. 7, 1866.
- 45 xi. *Silas W.*, b. Dec. 17, 1869.

46 TIMOTHY HARVEY, a brother of Kimber, b. at Taunton, Mass., March 29, 1751; m., Apr. 12, 1774, Martha Long, b. in Taunton, May 24, 1750; settled on the farm since owned by Ebenezer Greenwood; where he d. Dec. 11, 1828. His wife was thrown from a carriage and killed, Apr. 8, 1822.

- 47 i. *Patty*, b. Dec. 22, 1775; d. Dec. 23, 1776.
- 48 ii. *Martha*, b. Apr. 19, 1776; m. Isaac Wellington; removed to Troy, N.Y., where she d. Sept. 9, 1854.
- 49 iii. *Timothy*, b. Aug. 31, 1777; d. Feb. 19, 1789.
- 50 iv. *Jemima*, b. Nov. 4, 1780; m., Oct. 21, 1805, John Gates; settled in Cornish, N.H., where she d. Apr. 14, 1841.
- 51 v. *Lemuel*, b. Sept. 1, 1782; d. Apr. 12, 1828, um.
- 52 vi. *Zepheniah*, b. Apr. 30, 1784; m. Patty, dau. of Jonathan and Beulah (Stone) Frost; settled in

Shefford, Canada. He d. July 11, 1850. His wife d. March 17, 1835.

- 53 VII. *Anna*, b. Feb. 25, 1786; m. John B. Farrar, *q.v.*
 54 VIII. *Sally*, b. Apr. 7, 1788; m. Thomas Cummings; settled in Virginia.
 55 IX. *Timothy*, b. Nov. 4, 1790; settled in Canada.
 56 X. *David*, b. Sept. 30, 1794; d. Aug. 15, 1795.

1 THADDEUS HASTINGS, b. in Berlin, Mass.; m. Asenath Rice of Shrewsbury, Mass. He came to Marl. in 1770 or 1771, and was the first settler on the farm still known as the Hastings place, on the old road leading from the farm formerly owned by Moses Putney to the Hunt place. He d. Nov. 30, 1838, æ. 95. His wife d. Sept. 4, 1836, æ. 85.

- 2 I. *Luther*, b. Oct. 2, 1775; m. Sally Sturtevant, a native of Northboro, Mass.; settled in New York.
 3 II. *Asenath*, b. March 14, 1778; d. May 27, 1785.
 4 III. *Eunice*, b. Feb. 14, 1780; d. June 5, 1785.
 5 IV. *Anna*, b. Jan. 15, 1783; d. Jan. 17, 1787.
 6 V. *Calvin*, b. Oct. 20, 1785. +
 7 VI. *Asa*, b. Nov. 19, 1788. +
 8 VII. *Patty*, b. March 16, 1791; d. in Dublin, 1844, um.
 9 VIII. *Nancy*, b. Aug. 15, 1793; m. Amos Cummings, *q.v.*
 10 IX. *Polly*, b. July 22, 1795; m. John McElroy; d. in Roxbury, Mass.
 11 X. *Ira*, b. March 5, 1801; m. Rebecca Cutter of Jaffrey, and resided there until 1879, when he returned to Marl., where he now resides with his son-in-law, J. M. Darling.

(6) CALVIN HASTINGS, second son of Thaddeus, m., Jan. 4, 1814, Polly, dau. of Jonadab and Tabitha (Wilson) Baker; settled on home farm. He is said to have been the first man in town to purchase a whole barrel of flour for home use. At that time, it was thought to be very extravagant to buy more than a few pounds for election and Thanksgiving. Rye and barley flour were commonly used.

- 12 I. *Harriet*, b. Sept. 4, 1816; m. Eli Lawrence; removed to Windham, Vt.
 13 II. *Calvin*, b. Nov. 25, 1817. +
 14 III. *Jairus C.*, b. June 16, 1820; m., May 5, 1847, Abbie D. Coburn, b. Aug. 1, 1820; resides in Winchendon, Mass.
 15 1. Eva A., b. Feb. 13, 1848.
 16 2. George W., b. Feb. 19, 1856.

- 17 iv. *Pertina*, b. Dec. 28, 1821.
- 18 v. *Polly B.*, b. Dec. 25, 1826; m. Alfred Hyde, b. Sept. 23, 1820; resides in Winchendon.
- 19 1. Harriet Ellen, b. Sept. 20, 1846.
- 20 2. Daniel Baxter, b. Oct. 24, 1848.
- 21 3. Mary I., b. July 8, 1852.
- 22 4. Eddie Payson, b. Aug. 26, 1856; d. Apr. 24, 1858.
- 23 5. Clara I., b. July 16, 1859.
- 24 6. Alvah A., b. May 24, 1861.
- Mrs. Polly Hastings d. Dec. 26, 1825; and he m. (2d), Oct. 21, 1827, Betsey Stone of Dublin, b. Oct. 11, 1794, d. June 13, 1832.
- 25 vi. *Eliza*, b. Apr. 19, 1828; m., Aug. 19, 1854, Amos Withington, b. Aug. 20, 1832; resided in Winchendon. She d. June 10, 1870.
- 26 1. Effie Ann, b. Feb. 15, 1856; d. Dec. 20, 1874.
- 27 2. Elfie Leila, b. June 13, 1858.
- 28 3. George Elmer, b. June 9, 1865; d. Sept. 18, 1865.
- 29 4. George Elmer, b. Aug. 10, 1867; d. Aug. 27, 1867.
- 30 vii. *Emily*, b. Dec. 10, 1830; m. Henry Stone of Winchendon; d. Apr. 29, 1857.
- Calvin Hastings m. (3d), Aug. 21, 1837, Rhoda Streeter of Swanzey, b. Apr. 1, 1801, d. Aug. 17, 1838.
- 31 viii. *George B.*, b. Aug. 17, 1838; m., March 13, 1861, Sarah M. Nims of Keene; resides in Nashua.
- 32 1. Eugene, b. June 24, 1864.
- Mr. Hastings m. (4th), March 6, 1848, Nancy Swallow of Westmoreland, b. Feb. 6, 1793, d. Aug. 3, 1860. He d. Jan. 11, 1856.
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- (7) ASA HASTINGS, third son of Thaddeus, m., Jan. 25, 1815, Mary, dau. of David and Ruth (Allen) Wilkinson; and resided for some time in the south part of the town, on the farm known as the Asa Hastings place. He afterwards removed to Orange, Mass., where his descendants now reside. He d. July 5, 1878. His wife d. July 13, 1867.
- 33 i. *Minot*, b. Apr. 22, 1816; m., Dec. 31, 1840, Jane Tisdale, who d. Dec. 12, 1852; and he m. (2d), 1864, Abbie Cady.
- 34 ii. *Asa A.*, b. Dec. 13, 1817; m., 1847, Hannah

- Howard. She d. Nov. 19, 1853; and he m. (2d), Apr. 17, 1855, Sarah Howard, who d. Sept. 28, 1860; and he m. (3d), March 14, 1866, Mary Blake.
- 35 III. *Charles W.*, b. Aug. 22, 1819; m., Nov. 29, 1850, Catharine Lyman, who d. Jan. 25, 1859; and he m. (2d), Oct. 10, 1860, Lois Webster.
- 36 IV. *Mary W.*, b. Sept. 17, 1821; d. June 30, 1855.
- 37 V. *Jason L.*, b. July 26, 1823; drowned, Aug. 18, 1869.
- 38 VI. *David W.*, b. May 8, 1825; d. Aug. 15, 1847.
- 39 VII. *Gardner L.*, ———; d. May 29, 1856.
- 40 VIII. *Ira*, ———; d. Jan. 10, 1870.
- 41 IX. *Sarah D.*, ———; m., Dec. 9, 1852, Benjamin W. Lyman.
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- (13) CALVIN HASTINGS, son of Calvin, m., May 8, 1845, Eliza, dau. of Calvin and Deborah (Brewer) Bemis. They now reside in Keene.
- 42 I. *C. Warren*, b. Oct. 9, 1850; um.
- 43 II. *Lizzie*, b. Aug. 24, 1855; d. in Roxbury, Jan. 21, 1858.
- 44 III. *Fred E.*, b. Feb. 9, 1859; m., Oct. 21, 1879, Mary Sawyer of Keene; resides in Gardner, Mass.
- 45 IV. *Frank L.*, b. Aug. 13, 1861.
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- 46 FRANCIS HASTINGS, son of Francis Hastings and Sally his wife, b. March 28, 1796 (town records).
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- 1 JOSEPH HASKELL, son of Abner and Martha (Ward) Haskell, came to Marl. about the year 1803, and located a little south-west of Monadnock Mountain, on the third New Hampshire turnpike. The stage from Keene to Boston passed his house daily, Sundays excepted; and Mr. Haskell opened a public house. He also became an extensive land-holder, and was considered one of the thrifty yeomen of the town. He m. Hitty Farrar of Framingham, bap. Oct. 14, 1771, d. Oct. 29, 1824. In the autumn of 1824, Mr. Haskell was thrown from his wagon, and received injuries, which caused his death Jan. 7, 1825, æ. 62.
- 2 I. *Patty*, b. Aug., 1788; m. William Lawrence of Troy; d. Jan. 5, 1840.
- 3 II. *Nancy*, b. Aug. 21, 1791; m. Josiah Wheeler; d. June 20, 1824.
- 4 III. *Joseph*, b. March 24, 1794.+
- 5 IV. *William*, b. June 28, 1796.+
- 6 V. *Eleanor Brown*, b. Nov. 13, 1798; m., Jan. 14, 1817, Peter Tarbell of Grafton, Vt.; d. 1877.

- 7 VI. *Abner*, b. March 11, 1801.+
 8 VII. *Alpheus*, b. July 30, 1804; d. Oct. 21, 1805.
 9 VIII. *John*, b. March 19, 1807; went to sea and was never heard from.
 10 IX. *Harriet*, b. Nov. 15, 1809; m. Alanson Barber.
 11 X. *Henry*, b. July 20, 1812.+
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- (4) JOSEPH HASKELL, son of Joseph, m., Apr. 2, 1818, Ruth White of Fitzwilliam; settled first in Troy. In 1828, he purchased his father's farm and tavern-stand, and came to Marl., where he remained till 1845 or 1846, and then returned to Troy, where he d. Apr. 18, 1865. His widow d. in Troy, 1879.
- 12 I. *Mary Ann*, b. in Troy, May 21, 1820; d. 1822.
 13 II. *Eliza Ann*, b. in Troy, Nov. 14, 1822; m. Cyrus Thompson.
 14 III. *Eleanor*, b. in Troy, Jan. 12, 1824; m. George A. Nutting, *q.v.*
 15 IV. *Mary*, b. in Troy, May 21, 1826; m. Abel W. Baker of Troy; resides in Keene.
 16 V. *Lyman*, b. in Marl., Sept. 21, 1828; d. March 27, 1829.
 17 VI. *Harriet*, b. in Marl., Nov. 11, 1830; m. William Jackson.
 18 VII. *Joseph*, b. in Marl., Aug. 6, 1832; m. Mary J. Starkey.
 19 VIII. *Maria*, b. in Marl., Aug. 4, 1834; m. David Wheeler.
 20 IX. *Sarah*, b. in Marl., June 12, 1839; m. Allison Howe of Peterboro.
 21 X. *Lucy Jane*, b. in Marl., Feb. 9, 1841; m. John E. Woodward, *q.v.*
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- (5) WILLIAM HASKELL, son of Joseph, Senior, m., Oct. 20, 1818, Sarah White of Fitzwilliam. He resided on the homestead for several years, and then removed to Troy, where he d. Jan. 26, 1841. His widow resides in Troy.
- 22 I. *Ezekiel*, b. Feb. 6, 1820; m. Mirantha Demary, of Rindge; settled in Troy.
 23 II. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 16, 1822; m. Anna M. Bemis; resides in Keene.
 24 III. *Alonzo*, b. Feb. 16, 1824; m. Betsey Marshall of Jaffrey.
 25 IV. *Albert*, b. March 10, 1826; d. Aug. 6, 1846.
 26 V. *Sarah Ann*, b. Feb. 26, 1830; m. (1st) — Fosgate; he d., and she m. (2d) Horace Knapp; resides in Winchendon.

- 27 VI. *Lydia*, b. March 6, 1832; m. Addison Marshall of Jaffrey.
- 28 VII. *Mary*, b. June 29, 1834; m. Augustus A. Adams of Jaffrey; resides in Winchendon.
- 29 VIII. *Charles*, b. May 14, 1841; m. Alice Allen; resides in Troy.
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- (7) ABNER HASKELL, son of Joseph, Senior, m., May 3, 1823, Laura Lawrence. He resided in Marl. some three or four years after his marriage, then removed to Troy, where he d. Sept. 1, 1847. His widow resides in Winchendon.
- 30 I. *Orrick L.*, b. in Marl., Nov. 18, 1825; m., March, 1850, Elizabeth Ward of Troy; resides in Keene.
- 31 II. *Mary Ann*, b. in Troy, Sept. 12, 1829; m., Sept. 10, 1847, Joseph N. Forristall; settled in Swanzezy Factory village. He was fatally injured by the falling of a building he was repairing, and d. June 1, 1871.
- 32 III. *Henry A.*, b. in Troy, July 8, 1834; d. June 21, 1843.
- 33 IV. *Elizeann M.*, b. in Troy, Nov. 14, 1838; d. Oct. 30, 1840.
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- (11) HENRY HASKELL, youngest son of Joseph, Senior, m., Feb. 14, 1838, Martha, dan. of Geo. and Naomi (Starkcy) Farrar, b. in Troy, Aug. 16, 1820. Settled first in Troy. Came to Marl., March 1, 1841, and located on the Alger place, in the south-east part of the town. May 10, 1859, he removed to Winchendon, where he now resides. He served eighteen months in the war of the Rebellion. Children, all but the oldest, b. in Marl.
- 34 I. *Henry George*, b. in Troy, Jan. 15, 1839; d. Jan. 28, 1840.
- 35 II. *Martha Ann*, b. March 18, 1841; d. Aug. 17, 1843.
- 36 III. *Albert H.*, b. June 4, 1849; Jan. 29, 1877, while engaged in running a circular saw at Merriam's mill in Westminster, Mass., he was caught by the saw in such a manner as to nearly sever his body. He left a wife and one child.
- 37 IV. *Tarble P.*, b. March 19, 1854.
- 38 V. *Frank E.*, b. March 20, 1856; d. Oct. 27, 1875.

HAVEN.

RICHARD HAVEN came from the west of England, and settled in Lynn, Mass., in 1645. His wife, Susannah, d. Feb. 7, 1682. They had

twelve children. Their youngest son, Moses, b. May 20, 1667, m. Mary Ballard, and settled in Lynn. They had eight children, among whom was Richard, b. Jan. 8, 1692-93; m., Feb. 4, 1713-14, Lydia Whitney, and settled in Athol, Mass.

1	SIMON HAVEN, son of Richard and Lydia (Whitney) Haven, m. Ruth —, and settled first in Athol, where most, if not all, of their children were born. They came to Marl. in 1786, and located on the farm where Almon C. Mason now lives.
2	I. <i>John</i> , b. 1762.†
3	II. <i>Moses</i> , b. 1764.
4	III. <i>Betty</i> , b. 1766; published to Nathan Ellis of Sullivan, Nov. 9, 1789.
5	IV. <i>Ruth</i> , b. 1768.
6	V. <i>Simon</i> , b. 1770.
7	VI. <i>Richard</i> , b. 1772.
8	VII. <i>Lydia</i> , b. 1774.
9	VIII. <i>Chloe</i> , b. 1776.
10	IX. <i>Daniel</i> , b. 1778.
11	X. <i>Moses</i> , b. 1781.
12	XI. <i>Susanna</i> , b. 1783.
(2)	JOHN HAVEN, son of Simon, m. Nabby —, and had the following children.
13	I. <i>Amos</i> , b. Sept. 4, 1784.
14	II. <i>Nahum</i> , b. Aug. 29, 1786.
15	III. <i>Polly</i> , b. June 23, 1788.
16	IV. <i>Luther</i> , b. June 20, 1790.
17	V. <i>Vina</i> , b. Sept. 17, 1792.
	JOHN SIBLEY of Framingham m. Lucy Haven, Feb. 24, 1803 (town records).
1	SEWELL F. HAYES m., Jan. 2, 1854, Lucy C., dau. of Dexter and Rebecca (Griffin) Whitcomb. Came to Marl. to reside, July, 1871.
2	I. <i>Charles F.</i> , b. March 30, 1856; m., Apr. 24, 1879, Ann L., dau. of Stillman and Sarah P. (French) Richardson.
3	II. <i>Fred C.</i> , b. Feb. 21, 1859.
4	III. <i>Nellie J.</i> , b. Jan. 9, 1862; d. Oct. 1, 1865.
5	IV. <i>Ada F.</i> , b. Nov. 4, 1865.
1	SAMUEL HEARD, son of Henry and Mehitable (Colburn) Heard, b. in Dublin, Aug., 1825; m., Nov. 26, 1851, Mrs. Fidelia Pike.
2	I. <i>Abby</i> , b. Sept., 1852; m. Charles L. White, <i>q.v.</i>
3	II. <i>Cifton</i> .

- 1 DEA. ELIAS HEMENWAY, son of Samuel and Hannah (Rice) Hemerway, b. in Framingham, Dec. 22, 1757; m. Molly, dau. of David and Molly (Clark) Patterson, b. in Framingham, Sept. 30, 1763. He came to Marl. some time previous to 1780, and settled on the lot now known as Kidder Hill, in Roxbury. He was an honest, upright man, and for many years a deacon of the Baptist Church in Pottersville. He d. in Roxbury, Oct. 11, 1834. His widow d. in Marl., Sept. 4, 1856.
- 2 I. *Polly*, b. Jan. 21, 1781; m. Elder Charles Cummings, *q.v.*
- 3 II. *Persis*, b. May 4, 1783; d. Aug. 24, 1786.
- 4 III. *Hannah*, b. Nov. 25, 1785; m. James Wakefield, Esq., *q.v.*
- 5 IV. *Elias*, b. May 6, 1788; d. May 28, 1788.
- 6 V. *Persis*, b. Apr. 20, 1789; m. Aaron B. Kidder, *q.v.*
- 7 VI. *Elias*, b. Jan. 9, 1792.
- 8 VII. *Enoch*, b. Jan. 30, 1794; d. Apr. 8, 1813.
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- 9 EBENEZER HEMENWAY, brother of Elias, was b. in Framingham, Mass., May 26, 1760; m., June 15, 1786, Ruth, dau. of Amos and Mary (Trowbridge) Gates, b. in Framingham, Feb. 12, 1768. He came to Marl. in 1787, and settled on what is now known as the Franklin Smith place. He was a member of the Congregational Church for over forty years, a man of Christian integrity, and universally respected. He d. Oct. 27, 1839. His widow d. Oct. 18, 1854.
- 10 I. *Luther*, b. Jan. 2, 1787.+
- 11 II. *Asa*, b. June 6, 1790.+
- 12 III. *Martin*, b. March 8, 1792; m., 1813, Eunice, dau. of William and Olive (Collins) Collins; removed to Unadilla, N.Y.
- 13 IV. *Ezra*, b. May 4, 1794; m., Aug. 23, 1825, Philena Richardson of Alstead; settled in Fort Ann, N.Y., where he d. a few years since.
- 14 V. *Patty*, b. Nov. 14, 1796; m., June 28, 1822, John Adams; settled in Fort Ann, N.Y.; d. March 9, 1878.
- 15 VI. *An infant child*, d. Feb. 26, 1799.
- 16 VII. *Ruth*, b. Apr. 5, 1801; m., July 9, 1834, William Richardson of Alstead; d. in Alstead.
- 17 VIII. *Jesse*, b. Dec. 13, 1803; m., July 1, 1827, Lois Richardson of Alstead. He resided in Marl. for some time after his marriage, and then removed to the West. Resides near St. Joseph, Mich.
- 18 1. William R., b. in Marl., May 12, 1828.

- 19 2. Lydia, b. in Marl., July 23, 1830.
 20 3. Mary Jane, b. in Marl., Nov. 13, 1832.
 21 4. Sarah Harriet, b. in Marl., Oct. 25, 1834.
 22 5. Luther, b. in Marl., March 4, 1837.
 23 6. Franklin Smith, b. in Gilsun, Dec. 21,
 1839.
 24 7. George W., b. in Lewis Co., N.Y., Oct.
 21, 1842; d. in the army, Oct. 9, 1862.
 25 8. Martha J., b. in Jefferson Co., N.Y., Dec.
 4, 1845.
 26 ix. *Roena*, b. March 19, 1806; m. Jonathan Starkey,
q.v.
 27 x. *Harriet*, b. Sept. 1, 1811; d. Oct. 16, 1812.
 28 xi. *Fannie C.*, b. Dec. 20, 1812; m., July 18, 1843,
 Isaac Starkey; resides in Swanzey.
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- (10) LUTHER HEMENWAY, son of Ebenezer, m. (1st), Nov.
 22, 1810, Sally, dau. of Robert and Abigail (Wheeler)
 Worsley, who d. Feb. 23, 1813.
 29 I. *Esther*, b. Apr. 7, 1811; d. March 22, 1829.
 Mr. Hemenway m. (2d), Oct. 26, 1813, Betsey, dau. of
 Amos and Mercy (Knowlton) Cummings.
 30 II. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 19, 1814; d. Jan. 20, 1815.
 31 III. *Charles C.*, b. March 8, 1816; m., Sept. 24, 1840,
 Lucinda, dau. of Arba and Betsey (Carlisle)
 Greenwood, b. in Dublin, Apr. 16, 1822. He
 now resides at Swanzey Factory Village.
 32 1. Sarah A., an adopted dau., b. March 12,
 1844; m. Albert W. Stockwell, *q.v.*
 33 iv. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 28, 1818; m. Warren C. Towns;
 resides in Keene.
 34 v. *Eliza*, b. June 14, 1825; m. Oliver Jewett of
 Jaffrey, *q.v.*
 35 vi. *Luther*, b. Jan. 15, 1827. +
 Mrs Hemenway d. Aug. 28, 1850; and he m. (3d), Jun.,
 4, 1851, Sally Jaquith of Jaffrey, b. Nov. 18, 1786, d.
 Jan. 31, 1864; and he m. (4th) Mrs. Sally (Byam) Carter
 of Jaffrey. He d. in Jaffrey, Feb. 13, 1872.
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- (35) LUTHER HEMENWAY, son of Luther, m., Dec. 7, 1853,
 Mary C., dau. of Joshua and Eliza (Rice) Davis of Rox-
 bury.
 36 I. *Mary Lizzie*, b. Aug. 6, 1859; d. Sept. 26, 1860
 37 II. *George A.*, b. Oct. 28, 1861; drowned Aug. 21
 1864.
 38 III. *Fred D.*, b. Apr. 30, 1866.
 39 IV. *Katie M.*, b. Sept. 27, 1871; d. Nov. 5, 1872.

- (11) ASA HEMENWAY, son of Ebenezer, m., 1812, Sally, dau. of Phinehas and Hannah (Rowell) Gleason, b. in Dublin, Feb. 28, 1793. He resided for several years on the Abner Russell place, and then removed to Granville, N.Y., where he d. Feb. 16, 1864. She d. Apr. 14, 1864.
- 40 I. *Lucy*, b. June 20, 1813; m. Hiram Avery; settled in Granville, N.Y.
- 41 II. *Harriet E.*, b. May 29, 1817; m. Amos H. Freeman; resides in Keene.
- 42 III. *Minot W.*, b. Apr. 25, 1819; m. Harriet Knowlton; settled in Granville, N.Y.; d. March 30, 1872.
- 43 IV. *Phinehas G.*, b. July 11, 1821; m. Susan Knowlton; settled in Michigan.
- 44 V. *Cordelia B.*, b. Nov. 23, 1823; m. Ira Knight; settled in Marlow.
- 45 VI. *Sarah A.*, b. Sept. 15, 1826; m. Horace P. May; settled in Chester, N.Y.
- 46 VII. *Philinda C.*, b. Dec. 19, 1828; m. Warren S. Bailey; settled in Sandy Hill, N.Y.
- 47 VIII. *Asa C.*, b. June 14, 1831; m. Harriet, dau. of Noah and Abigail (Hobert) Porter; resides in Keene.
- 48 IX. *Franklin B.*, b. Oct. 29, 1837; m. Julia Cone; settled in Troy, N.Y.
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- 49 SAMUEL HEMENWAY, another brother of Elias, m. Elizabeth, dau. of James and Martha (Collins) Lewis. He resided for a short time in the north part of the town, and then removed to Shefford, Canada, where he d. Dec. 30, 1829. Children b. in Marl.
- 50 I. *Samuel*, b. Feb. 12, 1793.
- 51 II. *Betsey*, b. Oct. 11, 1795.
- 52 III. *A son*, b. July 3, 1801.

HERRICK.

The traditions of this very ancient family claim their descent from Ericke, a Danish chief, who invaded Britain about the year 911, during the reign of Alfred, and, having been vanquished by that prince, was compelled, with his followers, to repeople the wasted districts of East Anglia, the government of which he held as a fief of the English crown.

In an attempt to unite the Danish power in Britain against the Englishmen, Ericke was defeated by Edward, the son and successor of Alfred, and was subsequently slain by his own subjects for alleged severities in his government.

The Norman invasion found this name represented by Eric, the forer, who resided in Leicestershire, and was an extensive land-holder. Eric raised an army to repel the invaders; and in the subsequent efforts of the English earls and princes to dispossess the Normans of their

recent conquest, and drive them out of the country, he bore a prominent part. But he shared also in the unfortunate issue of all these patriotic efforts. His followers and allies were stripped of their estate, and the sources of his own power were dried up; and, being no longer in a condition formidable to the new government, Eric was taken into favor by William the Conqueror, who intrusted him with important offices about his person and in the command of his armies. In his old age, he was permitted to retire to his house in Leicestershire, where he closed his stormy and eventful life. This estate was given him by William the Conqueror for military services, about the year 1080. His descendants occupied the estate without interruption for nearly eight hundred years. The Illustrated London Almanac for 1877 records the death of William Perry Herrick, an elderly gentleman of Beau Manor Park, Leicestershire, England.

Henry Eyrk, a lineal descendant from Eric, the forester, was seated at Great Stretton, in the county of Leicester, England, at a very remote period. His grandson, Robert Eyrk of Stretton, by his wife Joanna had William, who bore the title of Sir William Eyrk, Knight of Stretton. He was commissioned to attend the Prince of Wales on his expedition into Gascony, 1355. From him descended Robert Eyrick of Houghton, who was living in 1450. Thomas Eyrick of Houghton settled in Leicester, and d. in 1517. His second son, John Eyrk, or Heyrick, b. 1513, m. Mary, dau. of John Bond, Esq., of Ward End in Warwickshire. He d. Apr. 2, 1589, leaving a large family, among whom was William, b. 1557. He was a member of Parliament from 1601 to 1630, knighted 1605, and was known as Sir William Herrick of Leicester, London, and Beau Manor Park. He m., 1596, Joan, dau. of Richard May, Esq., of London; d. March 2, 1652-53, æ. 96. Henry, the fifth son of Sir William, was b. at Beau Manor in 1604, and was named by command of the unfortunate Prince Henry, eldest son of James I. His sponsors were Sir David Murry, Sir John Spillman, and Lady Aston. He came to this country, and settled in Salem, Mass., in 1629. He m. Editha, dau. of Mr. Hugh Laskin of Salem, and became the ancestor of the numerous race by that name in this country. He and his wife were among the thirty who founded the first church in Salem, in 1629. He d. 1671, leaving seven sons and a daughter, who are named in his will. Of these, Thomas and Benjamin, the eldest and youngest of the sons, and the daughter, Elizabeth, d. childless. The other five sons are regarded as the patriarchs of their respective branches of the posterity of Henry and Editha Herrick. They are known in history as Zacharie of Beverly, Ephraim of Beverly, Joseph of Salem, John of Beverly, and George of Salem. Joseph of Salem, bap. Aug. 6, 1645, d. Feb. 4, 1717-18; m. (1st) Sarah Leach, who d. about 1674; and he m. (2d) Mary Endicott, about 1677-78. Martyn, son of Joseph and Mary (Endicott) Herrick, bap. Jan. 26, 1679-80, m. Ruth Endicott of Salem, July 17, 1710; settled in Lynn, now Lynnfield, d. 1739. Samuel, the second son of Martyn, m., 1742, Elizabeth Jones of Wilmington; settled in Reading, Mass., d. 1792, æ. 79.

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- 1 | EBENEZER HERRICK, youngest son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Jones) Herrick, b. March 12, 1759; m., Sept. 26, 1782, Lydia Eaton of Reading, Mass., b. Oct. 13, 1767. He came to Marl. 1795, and purchased of Andrew Phillips the farm now owned by Merrill Mason, where he d. Jan. 7, 1842. His wife d. Sept. 23, 1829.

- 2 i. *Ebenezer*, b. March 2, 1783; m., Feb. 7, 1805,
Arvilla Hall of Keene; settled in Reading, Vt.
His wife d.; and he m. (2d), June 6, 1810,
Patty Nye. He d. March 11, 1842.
- 3 ii. *Lydia*, b. Feb. 2, 1785; m., June 11, 1805, John
Gove, a Methodist minister. She d. Oct. 24,
1844.
- 4 iii. *Henry*, b. June 12, 1787; m., 1822, Mrs. Lydia
Dodge of Malden, Mass., b. March 17, 1786.
He settled in Reading, Vt., where he d. Nov.
29, 1832. His widow d. Apr. 17, 1862.
- 5 1. Mary A., b. July 29, 1823; m. Michael
Weston of Reading, Vt.
- 6 2. Harriet M., b. Dec. 27, 1824; m. Merrill
Mason, *q.v.*
- 7 3. Henry O., b. Feb. 24, 1828; m. Jennie B.
Heard of Vernon, Vt.
- 8 iv. *Hannah*, b. Sept. 18, 1789; m., Dec. 25, 1816,
Jeremiah Bemis; settled in Weathersfield, Vt.;
d. March 9, 1858.
- 9 v. *Samuel*, b. March 2, 1792; m. Eliza Hayes; d. in
Watertown, N.Y., Oct. 19, 1876. To his son,
Rev. Osgood Herrick, the author is indebted
for much valuable information concerning the
ancestry of the Herrick family.
- 10 vi. *Betsey*, b. Sept. 2, 1794; m. Abner Russell, *q.v.*
- 11 vii. *Jeremiah*, b. Sept. 12, 1796. +
- 12 viii. *Osgood*, b. Nov. 19, 1799; m. Emily Wilder;
was a Congregationalist minister; d. March 16,
1837. (See Chap. XIII.)
- 13 ix. *Martin R.*, b. March 7, 1802; m., Dec. 28, 1831,
Charlotte Sawyer, b. Jan. 13, 1808; settled in
Boston; d. May 31, 1869. His widow d. Feb.
5, 1872.
- 14 1. William M., b. Dec. 13, 1833; m. Eliza A.
Lawrence.
- 15 2. Sophronia N., b. Jan. 6, 1836.
- 16 3. Mary E., b. March 27, 1838; m., Apr. 17,
1866, Wilber F. Webster.
- 17 4. Ellen L., b. Oct. 9, 1840.
- 18 5. Gardner M., b. Jan. 8, 1843; d. Oct. 28,
1843.
- 19 6. Julia M., b. Jan. 29, 1845.
- 20 7. Charlotte E., b. Feb. 20, 1851.
- 21 x. *Mary*, b. May 17, 1804; d. June 17, 1815.
- 22 xi. *Sophronia*, b. Aug. 27, 1807; m. Melvin Newell;
d. Nov. 28, 1846.

- (11) JEREMIAH HERRICK, son of Ebenezer, m. (1st), Dec. 25, 1816, Emily, dau. of William and Azubah Greenwood of Dublin, b. June 25, 1798, d. May 15, 1818.
- 23 i. *Mary*, b. 1817; d. June 15, 1818.
Mr. Herrick m. (2d), March 20, 1823, Hannah, dau. of Abner and Hannah (Prentice) Smith of Dublin, b. July 7, 1804; d. March 1, 1854.
- 24 ii. *Emily G.*, b. Apr. 7, 1824; m., Jan. 21, 1846, Orville W. Shattuck; d. July 26, 1850.
- 25 1. Emma E., b. March 12, 1847; m. John W. Lewark of Pendleton, Ind.
- 26 2. Ella, b. 1849; d. Aug. 26, 1850.
- 27 iii. *Ellen M.*, b. Feb. 15, 1827; m., July 16, 1856, Horace P. Hall of Croyden. Resides in Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill.
- 28 1. Infant son, b. May 12, 1857; d. May 15, 1857.
- 29 2. M. Augustus, b. March 31, 1858; d. Sept. 21, 1860.
- 30 3. Judson H., b. Aug. 9, 1859; d. May 19, 1877.
- 31 4. Marttia E., b. Oct. 17, 1862; d. March 18, 1864.
- 32 5. Eva R., b. Dec. 4, 1865.
- 33 iv. *Lydia E.*, b. Feb. 3, 1830; d. Dec. 28, 1857, um.
- 34 v. *Prentice S.*, b. July 25, 1834; d. Apr. 21, 1841.
- 35 vi. *Osgood*, b. Sept. 10, 1838; d. Apr. 21, 1841.
- 36 vii. *Osgood P.*, b. June 11, 1841; m., May 7, 1867, Mary F. Miller of Chester, Vt., where they now reside. He is of the firm of William Miller & Co., dealers in stoves, tinware, etc.
- 37 1. Ernest W., b. Dec. 23, 1871; d. Sept. 4, 1876.
Mr. Herrick m. (3d), Aug., 1854, Mrs. Nancy Pease, who d. Nov. 20, 1878. He d. Jan. 9, 1877.

- 1 CLARK HILL, b. in Spencer, Mass., Apr. 25, 1818; m. Dec. 20, 1841, Huldah Avery, b. in Preston, Ct., March 4, 1817. Came to Marl. to reside May, 1861.
- 2 i. *Hannah A.*, b. in Brooklyn, Ct., Sept. 30, 1844; m., Oct., 1862, J. M. Fox; resides in Norwich, Ct.
- 3 ii. *James A.*, b. in Brooklyn, Ct., Dec. 4, 1846; d. in Marl., Sept. 7, 1871; um.
- 4 iii. *Mary A.*, b. in Preston, Ct., Jan. 2, 1850.



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- 5 iv. *George H.*, b. in Preston, Ct., Dec. 7, 1854; um.
6 v. *Huldah J.*, b. in Preston, Ct., March 13, 1858; um.

- 1 EBENEZER HILLS, b. in Swanzey, Aug. 16, 1771; m.,
June 8, 1796, Lydia Chamberlain, b. in Washington,
N.H., Aug. 15, 1775. He came to Marl. to reside, Sept.,
1807, and located on the place now owned by the heirs
of Gilbert Russell. He had a mill for dressing cloth on
the site of the lower mill of the Marlboro Manufacturing
Company. After a residence here of eight years, he
removed to Swanzey, and in 1825 to "Holland Pur-
chase," as it was then called, in the State of New York,
where he d. Sept., 1847. His wife d. June, 1840.
- 2 I. *Sylvia*, b. in Washington, N.H., Apr. 6, 1797; m.
Nathaniel Stanley of Swanzey; d. Nov. 2, 1844.
- 3 II. *Calvin*, b. in Windsor, Vt., Sept. 16, 1799; m.
— Watkins; settled in East Randolph, N.Y.;
- 4 III. *Sidney*, b. in Bernardston, Mass., Dec. 23, 1801.
m. Louisa Hall; resides in New Boston, N.H.
- 5 IV. *James M.*, b. in Bernardston, Mass., Feb. 14,
1804; m., Oct. 28, 1833, Nancy Stanley of Swan-
zey; resides in Orange, Mass.
- 6 v. *Henry L.*, b. in Bernardston, June 25, 1806; m.
Demaris P. Flint of Fitchburg; d. in Lynn,
July 11, 1843.
- 7 VI. *William G.*, b. in Marl., June 23, 1808; d. in
Bethany, N.Y., March 14, 1832.
- 8 VII. *Francis D.*, b. in Marl., Oct. 15, 1810; d. in Med-
ford, Mass., Dec. 9, 1839.

- 1 ABIAH HINDS from Westmoreland, warned to leave
town Jan. 20, 1783.
- 2 Sarah, dau. to Daniel Hinds and Sarah, his wife, b.
June 15, 1782.
- 3 Lydia Hinds and her dau., Lydia, from Westmoreland,
warned to leave town March 3, 1784.

- 1 HEZEKIAH HODGKINS was a native of New Ipswich,
where he spent his early years; at the breaking out of
the Revolution, he responded to his country's call, and
was in the army several years. Soon after his return
from the war, he m. Lydia, dau. of Pelatiah Cummings,
and settled in New Ipswich, where he worked at his
trade of cabinet-making. He came to Marl. in 1788, and
resided for a few years in the house on the south side of
the Common, since owned by Nathan E. Wild.
- In 1803, he purchased the farm since owned by
Edmund Bemis, in the north-east part of Troy. About
this time, he built a saw and grist mill, where the Stanley

mill now stands, which he sold to Edmund Bemis, in 1808. In his later days, he manufactured rakes. He d. Oct. 4, 1821, æ. 64. His widow d. Apr. 3, 1843, æ. 83.

- 2 I. *Stephen*, b. 1782; m. Arethusa Corbin, March 26, 1807; d. in Albany, N.Y., 1827.
- 3 II. *Pelutiah*, b. 1784; m., Oct., 1814, Mehitable Adams of Jaffrey; settled in Troy.
- 4 III. *Sarah*, b. 1786; d. 1817.
- 5 IV. *Lydia*, b. May 21, 1790; d. the same year.
- 6 V. *Amos*, b. July 25, 1792; d. the same year.
- 7 VI. *Lucy*, b. Nov. 15, 1793; m. Enoch Garfield; d. in Troy, Dec. 29, 1854.
- 8 VII. *Lydia*, b. 1796; m., Oct. 5, 1815, Joseph Corbin of Rochester, N.Y.; d. 1817.
- 9 VIII. *Aaron*, b. Apr. 25, 1797; m. Rhoda Perkins; she d., and he m. (2d) Alfreda Brown. He d. in Troy, Apr. 11, 1856.
- 10 IX. *Elizabeth*, b. June 7, 1804; d. 1812.
- 11 X. *Sarah*, b. 1810; m. Almon Wright.

12 AMOS HODGKINS, a brother of Hezekiah, was living on the Alger farm in 1793. The buildings, at that time, stood on another part of the farm from their present location, about thirty rods from the Dublin line. He was an ingenious mechanic, and manufactured looms, chairs, and other rude furniture common to those days. About the year 1800, he sold his farm, and removed to Vermont, and subsequently to Potsdam, N.Y., where he spent the remainder of his days. He had one dau., b. in Marl.

- 13 I. *Priscilla*, b. Dec. 2, 1793.

14 CHRISTOPHER HODGKINS, son of Aaron and Rhoda (Perkins) Hodgkins, and grandson of Hezekiah, was b. in Troy, Jan. 6, 1829; m., Nov. 14, 1854, Mrs. Mellissa (Gurnsey) Tenney, widow of Samuel Tenney (see Chap. X).

- 15 I. *Leila E.*, b. in Keene, May 20, 1856; m. Henry Metcalf.
- 16 1. Henry Ernest, b. July 6, 1874.
- 17 II. *Arthur C.*, b. in Keene, Aug. 31, 1857.
- 18 III. *Eva M.*, b. in Marl., Aug. 4, 1859; d. Aug. 24, 1864.

1 ISAAC W. HOLBROOK, b. in Richmond, Nov., 1818; m., May 23, 1841, Sarah W., dau. of Luke and Betsey (Whitney) Harris, b. in Troy, Oct. 23, 1819. Mr. Hol-

brook has resided in Hinsdale, Richmond, and Nelson, removing from the latter place Nov., 1869; resides on the farm formerly owned by Darius Richardson. Of the children, the eldest was born in Hinsdale, the others in Richmond.

- 2 I. *Ellen Maria*, b. June 15, 1842; m., Nov. 3, 1864,
George G. Newcomb of Roxbury.
- 3 II. *Susan L.*, b. Nov. 10, 1844; m. Fred C. Lang, *q.v.*
- 4 III. *Mary C.*, b. July 27, 1847; m., May 23, 1875,
Charles Phillips of Keene.
- 5 IV. *John H.*, b. May 23, 1853; unm.
- 6 V. *Ida L.*, b. Jan. 24, 1855; unm.

1 CHARLES HOLMAN, Esq., b. in Bolton, Mass., July 6,
1764; m., 1787, Relief Sawyer of Bolton, b. May 10,
1772. He came to Marl. about 1789, and located in the
north part of the town, in what is now Roxbury, on the
farm since owned by Ivers Flint. In town affairs, he
always took a deep interest, and was regarded a most
worthy citizen. In his early manhood, he was quite a
military character, and held the office of captain, with
honor to himself and his company. He d. Oct. 9, 1840.
His widow d. Aug. 6, 1862. Of the children, all but the
eldest b. in Marl.

- 2 I. *Charles*, b. in Bolton, Mass., March 31, 1788.+
- 3 II. *Polly*, b. March 28, 1790; d. May 31, 1814.
- 4 III. *A daughter*, b. Nov. 16, 1791; d. in infancy.
- 5 IV. *A daughter*, b. Nov. 27, 1792; d. Dec. 23, 1792.
- 6 V. *Asa*, b. Dec. 21, 1793; m., July 22, 1817, Nancy,
dau. of Phinehas and Abigail (Stone) Farrar.
He resided in Marl. for some time after his
marriage, and then removed to Romeo, Mich.,
where he d. Oct. 23, 1860. Record of his fam-
ily applied for, but none received.
- 7 VI. *Oliver*, b. May 25, 1796; m. Caroline Reddington
of Keene; d. in Keokuk, Ia., Jan. 31, 1861.
- 8 VII. *Alvin*, b. Oct. 13, 1798; m. Lucretia Nye of Rox-
bury. He d. in Winchester, March 1, 1869.
- 9 VIII. *Sullivan*, b. Jan. 30, 1801; m. Harriet Hall of
Kinderhook, N.Y.; resides in Detroit, Mich.
- 10 IX. *Achsah*, b. May 11, 1803; m. Silas McCollester,
q.v.
- 11 X. *Levi Sawyer*, b. July 25, 1805; m. Orrilla Grover;
settled in Michigan; d. at Townsend, Vt., June
16, 1834.
- 12 XI. *George*, b. Aug. 18, 1809.+
- 13 XII. *Franklin*, b. Dec. 31, 1812; m. Nancy Chamber-
lain, of Swanzey; settled in Wisconsin.

- (2) CHARLES HOLMAN, son of Charles, m., July 25, 1813, Polly, dau. of John and Polly (Wright) Converse. He d. Feb. 23, 1866. His widow d. Aug. 30, 1871.
- 14 I. *Mary W.*, b. Jan. 22, 1815; m. Stillman Buss, *q.v.*
- 15 II. *Fannie L.*, b. Aug. 31, 1816; m. Franklin R. Thurston, *q.v.*
- 16 III. *Gilman C.*, b. Aug. 13, 1818.
- 17 IV. *Charles Franklin*, b. Nov. 16, 1821.†
- 18 V. *Oliver S.*, b. Nov. 1, 1826; d. Dec. 17, 1826.
- 19 VI. *Chestina B.*, b. June 23, 1828; m. Solon S. Wilkinson, *q.v.*
- 20 VII. *Harriet S.*, b. Feb. 28, 1831; m., June 14, 1853, R. Watson Hill of Greenfield, Mass. He d. Oct. 31, 1862. She now resides in New York City.
- 21 1. Chessie E., b. in Nashua, Dec. 16, 1855; m., June 14, 1877, Lorenz Zeller, a native of Ulm, Germany; resides in New York City.
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- (12) GEORGE HOLMAN, son of Charles, m., June 1, 1831, Lydia, dau. of Nathan and Lydia (Beuson) Nye of Roxbury. Mr. Holman early manifested a fondness for books, making the most possible out of his meagre common-school advantages. In 1827 he attended the Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, and in 1828 he went to Chesterfield Academy. From thence, he went to Keene to reside, that he might still enjoy the opportunity of acquiring a more practical mathematical and various other academic branches under the instruction of Rev. Dr. Barstow, which he always considered the best part of his education. At length, the infirmities of age of his father demanded his return to the old homestead in Roxbury, to assist in the various duties of the farm. He has always manifested a deep interest in the cause of education reform and religious movements; and his ballot has always been cast against slavery, and in favor of freedom, home, and county. In 1837, he moved with his family to this town, and first engaged in the manufacture of chairs and pails. He sold out his interest in the factory in a few years, and turned his attention to wheelwright business, which he has followed, more or less, up to the present time; but has always been ready to turn his hand to the various kinds of mechanical work. In his prime, few men could do more work in a given time. He has been the principal building-mover, master of taking down large frames, always ready for the most difficult and dangerous work. Mrs. Holman was a lady of

ability, culture, and moral worth. She pursued a course of study in the Belchertown Academy, and previous to her marriage taught school in Keene with marked success. She d. May 21, 1877. Children born in Roxbury.

- 22 I. *Myron*, b. Oct. 5, 1832; m., March 4, 1861,
Amanda A. Day of Minneapolis, Minn.
- 23 II. *Juliaett L.*, b. Oct. 22, 1836; unm.

(17) CHARLES FRANKLIN HOLMAN, son of Charles, Jr., m., Nov. 30, 1843, Susan G. Pearson, dau. of Silas Pearson, M.D., of Westminster, Mass.; settled first in New York City; returned to Marl. in 1846. Mrs. Holman now resides with her children in Kansas City, Mo.

- 24 I. *Charles Francis*, b. Aug. 22, 1844; m., June 17, 1869, Annie T., dau. of Frank P. and Almira Devens. He is a druggist in Kansas City, Mo.
- 25 1. Susan A., b. March 11, 1870; d. March 24, 1870.
- 26 2. Arthur Seward, b. Dec. 11, 1873.
- 27 II. *Willie Gaylord Clark*, b. Sept. 21, 1846; resides at Kansas City, Mo.

- 1 AARON HOLT, b. in Holden, Mass., Oct. 27, 1776; settled in the south part of Marl. (now Troy), in the spring of 1807. He d. in 1826, from the effects of a kick from a vicious horse.
- 2 I. *Aaron*, b. Jan. 25, 1801; d. Jan. 6, 1818.
- 3 II. *Joel*, b. March 30, 1803; m., Nov. 20, 1828, Thirza, dau. of Bezaleel and Abigail (Wood) Baker; d. in Troy.
- 4 III. *Jotham H.*, b. Feb. 22, 1805; m., Apr. 19, 1831, Miriam Bartlett of Berlin, Mass.; resides in Troy.
- 5 IV. *Dorothy*, b. Sept. 8, 1807; d. 1812.
- 6 V. *Moses W.*, b. July 6, 1810; d. Sept. 21, 1813.
- 7 VI. *William*, b. Oct. 13, 1812; removed to the West.
- 8 VII. *Amos*, b. Dec. 20, 1814.
- 9 VIII. *Dorothy*, b. Feb. 28, 1816; m. John Pool of Jaffrey; d. Apr. 18, 1840.
- 10 IX. *Betsey*, b. March 16, 1819; m. Eri J. Spaulding of Troy; d. Aug. 8, 1847.
- 11 X. *Aaron*, b. July 15, 1821.
- 12 XI. *Lydia*, b. Nov. 16, 1825.

- 1 CHARLES E. HOUGHTON (Rev.), son of Daniel W. Houghton, b. in Sullivan, Jan. 27, 1836; m., Feb. 13, 1861, Mattie C., dau. of Col. Cyrus and Caroline (Rich-

ardson) Frost. Mr. Houghton's school advantages were very limited, being confined to the district school, which had two terms a year of eight weeks each, until he was ten years of age, after which he attended the winter term only until he was sixteen. He then attended the seminary under the direction of Prof. L. F. Ward, in all a little more than seven terms. On leaving the seminary, Mr. Houghton engaged in teaching, and became widely known as a successful teacher both of district and high schools. He was also engaged for several years in farming and other pursuits; but, never wholly neglecting his books, he continued his studies, and prepared himself for the work of the ministry. In the winter of 1873-74, he commenced preaching in Stoddard. He also preached in Surry for six months in 1874. In May, 1875, he removed to Auburn, N.H., to become the pastor of the Congregational Church in that place, where he still remains.

- 2 I. *Carrie Mabel*, b. Jan. 3, 1863.
- 3 II. *Frank Irving*, b. Aug. 8, 1864.
- 4 III. *Charles Cyrus*, b. Oct. 18, 1866.
- 5 IV. *Lizzie Stone*, b. Dec. 31, 1868.
- 6 V. *Hervey Frost*, b. Oct. 26, 1871.
- 7 VI. *Mary Agnes*, b. March 3, 1875.

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- 1 THEOPHILUS HOWARD and Bathsheba, his wife, with daughter Zilah, and Joseph Gilbert, their servant, were warned to leave town by Jonathan Shaw, constable, Jan. 20, 1783. But this was not a sufficient bar to prevent their settlement on the farm now owned by Mrs. Nancy Farnum, where they resided for many years. Mrs. Howard d. Oct. 21, 1803; and he m. (2d), Sept. 8, 1804, Mrs. Eunice (Matthews) Collins, widow of Lieut. Joseph Collins. She d. March 23, 1809. He d. in Winchendon, July 13, 1814, æ. 92.

- 2 I. *Tisdale*.†
- 3 II. *Mark*.
- 4 III. *Susanan*, b. Oct. 9, 1779; m., Jan. 1799, John Goodnow.
- 5 IV. *Zilah*, b. Dec., 1781.
- 6 V. *Martin*, b. July 17, 1783.
- 7 VI. *Rhoda*, b. March 4, 1785.

- (2) TISDALE HOWARD, son of Theophilus, m. Chloe Alger of Winchendon, a sister of Abial Alger, who afterwards settled in this town. About 1810, he removed to Winchendon, where he d. Feb. 27, 1854, æ. 85.

- 8 I. *Ansel*, m. Esther Lovejoy; d. 1868.

- 9 II. *Sylvia*, ———; d. Apr. 1, 1871, æ. 77.
 10 III. *Lyman*, ———; d. Nov. 7, 1863, æ. 67.
 11 IV. *Apollas*, ———; m. Lucy Norcross; d. Oct. 23,
 1863, æ. 65.
 12 V. *Chloe*, ———; m. Luther Lovejoy; d. 1870, æ. 65.
 13 VI. *Tisdale*, ———; m. Hannah Boyce; resides in
 Winchendon.

14 GEORGE WASHINGTON HOWARD, son of Thomas and
 Pamela (Buss) Howard, b. in Marlow, Aug. 12, 1809;
 m., March 10, 1833, Martha A., dau. of Eber and Lydia
 (Adams) Tenney.

- 15 I. *Charles T.*, b. Apr. 4, 1834; m., Aug. 3, 1857,
 Ellen R. Needham, b. Nov. 18, 1837.
 16 II. *Francis S.*, b. Jan. 17, 1835; d. June 17, 1838.
 17 III. *Lucas E.*, b. Jan. 24, 1837; d. Oct. 24, 1837.
 18 IV. *Maria*, b. May 18, 1840; m., March 11, 1867,
 Stillman H. Clark.
 19 V. *An infant child*, b. 1842; d. Dec. 18, 1842.

Mrs. Howard d. Oct. 25, 1842; and he m. (2d), Feb.
 5, 1843, Ann S. Davis, b. March 5, 1806. Mr. Howard
 d. at Warwick, Mass., Jan. 29, 1864.

- 20 VI. *Martha A.*, b. Nov. 4, 1844; m., Apr. 30, 1863,
 Jewett Underwood.
 21 VII. *Sarah B.*, b. Aug. 24, 1848.

1 ZALMON HOWE came from Holden, Mass., in 1803,
 and located in that part of Marl. now included in Troy.
 He resided on several different farms in that part of the
 town, and afterward removed to Fitzwilliam, where he
 d. in 1855. His wife was Phebe Holt of Holden.

- 2 I. *Asenath*, ———; m. John Simonds of Brattle-
 boro, Vt.
 3 II. *Nelson*, ———; m. — Sweetser of Fitzwilliam.
 She d.; and he m. (2d) Angeline, dau. of David
 Platts.
 4 III. *Sally*, ———; m. — Sweetser of Fitzwilliam.
 5 IV. *Mary*, ———; m. Harvey Blanding.
 6 V. *Martha*, ———; m. Asa Clark of Swanzey.
 7 VI. *Harriet*, ———; m. Gideon Willis of Swanzey.
 8 VII. *Joel*, ———; m. — Richardson.

1 ALBERT HUBBARD, son of Daniel and Catherine (Grif-
 fin) Hubbard, b. in Walpole, May 29, 1829; m., March
 23, 1854, Hannah C., dau. of Ezra and Betsey (Kidder)
 Livermore, b. at Dalton, Nov. 3, 1834, d. in Gilsum,
 June 9, 1879. He came to Marl. to reside in 1856, and
 located on the farm formerly owned by Archie Tenney,

where he resided for several years, when, his house being destroyed by fire, he removed to Gilsum, where he now resides. Children, all but the eldest, b. in Marl.

- 2 I. *Charlie Albert*, b. in Keene, Feb. 22, 1855.
 3 II. *Addie Betsey*, b. Dec. 5, 1857; - m.; resides in Salem, Mass.
 4 III. *Ezra Livermore*, b. Oct. 23, 1859.
 5 IV. *Frank Kidder*, b. Sept. 25, 1861.

1 HENRY HUNT from Dublin came to this town 1783, and the same year m. Sarah, dau. of Dea. James and Betsey (Whitcomb) Flood. He settled on what has since been known as the Hunt place, in the east part of the town. He d. Nov. 17, 1828. His wife d. Feb. 22, 1823.

- 2 I. *Henry Hunt Cutler* (adopted son), b. Feb. 9, 1795; d. Jan. 24, 1816.

3 CAPT. CALEB HUNT d. May 26, 1811, æ. 50 (grave-stone).

4 MOSES HUNT, son of Isaac and Martha (Knowlton) Hunt, and nephew of Henry, before mentioned, b. in Dublin, Dec. 25, 1788; m. Lucy, dau. of Josiah and Millicent (Wheeler) Stone of Hancock, b. Oct. 8, 1791; settled first in Hancock. He afterward removed to this town, and located on the farm formerly occupied by his uncle, Henry Hunt. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. In later years, he resided on the Sweetser place, where he d. March 29, 1876. His widow d. Aug. 11, 1877. Children all born in Hancock except the two youngest.

- 5 I. *Curtis F.*, b. Aug. 26, 1812. +
 6 II. *Lorenzo*, b. Jan. 20, 1815. +
 7 III. *Allen D.*, b. Sept. 23, 1815; m. Emeline Ward of Peterboro; resides in Winchester, Mass.
 8 IV. *Maria L.*, b. Dec. 29, 1817; m. Reuben Ward, *q.v.*
 9 V. *Millicent W.*, b. May 12, 1821; d. May 29, 1877, um.
 10 VI. *Martha L.*, b. Oct. 23, 1825; resides in Boston, um.
 11 VII. *Adolphus H.*, b. in Marl., May 15, 1834. +
 12 VIII. *Alphonso A.*, b. in Marl., Apr. 5, 1836; d. Apr. 23, 1837.

(5) CURTIS F. HUNT, son of Moses, m., Oct. 15, 1840, Harriet, dau. of Ziba and Eunice (Buss) Nason. She d. Aug. 7, 1843.

- 13 I. *Lucius F.*, b. Aug. 9, 1841.
- 14 II. *An infant daughter*, b. Sept. 9, 1846; d. young.
Mr. Hunt m. (2d) Mary E. Pike of Marlow. She d. Feb. 5, 1875.
- 15 I. *Ella L.*, b. May 8, 1849; m. Levi Morse.
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- (6) LORENZO HUNT, son of Moses, m., Sept. 5, 1839, Cynthia Ann, dau. of Joseph and Nancy (Lincoln) Woodward.
- 16 I. *Ann Maria*, b. Apr. 13, 1844; m. Henry W. Whitcomb, *q.v.*
- 17 II. *Andrew A.*, b. Apr. 5, 1848; d. Feb. 11, 1872.
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- (11) ADOLPHUS H. HUNT, son of Moses, m., May 1, 1859, Mary A. Kendall, b. in Athol, Mass., March 23, 1835.
- 18 I. *Stella M.*, b. in Athol, July 9, 1860; m., Nov. 28, 1878, Dexter A. Smith of Athol.
- 19 II. *Flora E.*, b. in Marl., Sept. 28, 1865.

HUNTING.

JOHN HUNTING came from England, and settled in Dedham, Mass. The records of Dedham state that he came from between Norfolk and Suffolk, England. He had a son, Samuel, who married, and settled in Needham, Mass.

- 1 JESSE HUNTING, son of Samuel, b. in Needham, Mass., July 21, 1765; m., Apr. 6, 1792, Lois Newell of Needham, b. March 31, 1770. Came to Marl., in 1794, and purchased the farm which had been occupied by James Lewis, and is the same now known as the Hunting place, and owned by Stillman Richardson. He resided here until the fall of 1806, when he removed to Londonderry, Vt., where he d. Feb. 13, 1859. His wife d. July 1, 1851.
- 2 I. *Jesse*, b. Sept. 17, 1793; m. Polly Barnard of Winhall, Vt.; settled in Londonderry.
- 3 II. *Lois*, b. Feb. 24, 1796; m. John Barnard, Jr., of Winhall, Vt.
- 4 III. *Samuel A.*, b. Apr. 12, 1800; m. Abigail Cook of Londonderry; resides in Friendship, Alleghany Co., N.Y.
- 5 IV. *Newell*, b. Aug. 21, 1802; m. Lucinda Carkin of Draut, Mass.; resides in Londonderry.
- 6 V. *Gardner*, b. Sept. 1, 1805; m. Rhoda Ann Knight of Pownal, Vt.; resides at East Hampden, Me.
- 7 VI. *Roxanna*, b. in Londonderry, July 17, 1809; m. Chandler Ward of Orange, Mass.

1 CHARLES F. INGALLS, son of Ransom and Sylphin (Pickering) Ingalls, b. in Fitzwilliam, June 18, 1831; m., June 8, 1859, Mary Eliza, dau. of Abijah and Betsey (Sweetzer) Spofford of Fitzwilliam, b. March 21, 1838. He came to Marl. to reside, Apr. 1, 1868.

2 I. *George Elmer*, b. in Troy, March 5, 1862.

3 II. *William Henry Spofford*, b. in Marl., Feb. 15, 1875.

1 EBENEZER JENNE was an early settler, and resided for some time on a farm that lies east of George Porter's, and commonly known as the Jennings place, deriving its name from him, although it appears that he wrote his name Jenne, and not Jennings. He was a shoemaker, and worked at that trade when not engaged in tilling the soil.

2 I. *Clarissa*.

1 OLIVER JEWETT, son of Oliver and Mary (Turner) Jewett, b. in Jaffrey, May 27, 1811; m., Nov. 18, 1846, Eliza, dau. of Capt. Luther and Betsey (Cummings) Hemenway. He settled first in Jaffrey, but removed to Marl. in 1857, where he has since resided. Children born in Jaffrey.

2 I. *Clara E.*, b. Oct. 23, 1847; m. Lavater M. Flint, *q.v.*

3 II. *Otis E.*, b. Feb. 11, 1849; d. Aug., 1850.

4 III. *Willie A.*, b. Dec. 27, 1851; um.

1 TIMOTHY JOHNSON and Mary his wife resided for several years in the northerly part of the town. They were here as early as 1784, but it is not known from whence they came. They removed to Grafton, Vt., about 1796, and thence to Windham, Vt., where the two youngest children were born.

2 I. *Stephen*, b. Oct. 26, 1784.

3 II. *Lovisa*, b. Apr. 25, 1787.

4 III. *Ebenezer*, b. Sept. 10, 1789.

5 IV. *Jotham*, b. Feb. 11, 1792.

6 V. *Rhoda*, b. March 7, 1794.

7 VI. *Mary*, b. Aug. 15, 1798.

8 VII. *Timothy*, b. Oct. 8, 1801.

1 SAMUEL JONES, son of Samuel and Martha (Tay) Jones of Berlin, Mass., was b. in Berlin, May 20, 1778; m., May 20, 1800, Abigail Meriam, b. in Berlin, May 20, 1779; settled first in Berlin. He came to Marl. in

1808, and located on the Timothy Bemis farm, now owned by his son, Samuel. Mrs. Jones d. March 3, 1852; and he m. (2d) Mrs. Betsey J. (Needham) (Greenwood) Lane. He d. May 23, 1860. Children, the five eldest b. in Berlin, the others in Marl.

- 2 I. *Abigail*, b. Nov. 22, 1801; d. Oct. 12, 1803.
- 3 II. *Belinda*, b. March 30, 1803; m. Salmon Buckminster of Roxbury, *q.v.*
- 4 III. *Abigail Meriam*, b. March 5, 1805; d. July 28, 1837, um.
- 5 IV. *Lucy*, b. Oct. 26, 1806; d. March 2, 1876, um.
- 6 V. *Artemas*, b. Dec. 26, 1807; m., Dec. 6, 1838, Lucy Barnes of Marl., Mass.; d. Feb. 3, 1877.
- 7 VI. *Samuel*, b. Jan. 11, 1810.†
- 8 VII. *Levi Mirick*, b. July 20, 1811; m., May 4, 1838, Sally M. Bruce of Marl., Mass.; d. Aug. 15, 1877.
- 9 VIII. *Albert*, b. Apr. 22, 1813; m., Feb. 25, 1841, Permillia P., dau. of Simon and Sybil (Brooks) Tenney; d. Sept. 23, 1844.
- 10 IX. *Clarissa*, b. Jan. 3, 1815; d. March 20, 1856, um.
- 11 X. *Sarah*, b. March 18, 1817; m. Cyrus E. Hardy, *q.v.*
- 12 XI. *Hannah Danforth*, b. Oct. 29, 1819; d. Sept. 10, 1871, um.
- 13 XII. *Elvira Maria*, b. Jan. 7, 1822; m., Dec. 5, 1839, Samuel Burton; resides in Wilton.
- 14 XIII. *Clarinda*, b. Sept. 20, 1826; m., Aug. 12, 1851, Milan Parker of Nelson; d. Jan. 30, 1877.

15 WILLIAM JONES, a brother of Samuel, b. in Berlin, Mass., Dec. 23, 1779; m., Jan. 30, 1804, Sally Meriam of Berlin; settled first in Berlin, where he remained until 1825, when he came to this town, and located first on the farm now owned by Daniel Towne. He afterward removed to the place since owned by Gilbert Russell, where he d. Aug. 28, 1859. His wife d. Aug. 4, 1858. Children, all except the youngest, b. in Berlin.

- 16 I. *Nancy L.*, b. Dec. 3, 1804; d. Oct. 17, 1868, um.
- 17 II. *Louisa*, b. Jan. 31, 1807; m. George Harvey, *q.v.*
- 18 III. *Levi*, b. Feb. 28, 1809.†
- 19 IV. *Sally M.*, b. July 15, 1811; m. Nelson Converse, *q.v.*
- 20 V. *William*, b. March 16, 1814; m., May 9, 1837, Emily, dau. of John B. and Anna (Harvey) Farrar; d. Feb. 26, 1847.
- 21 VI. *Abigail*, b. June 6, 1816; d. Sept. 4, 1816.
- 22 VII. *Jonathan M.*, b. Aug. 26, 1817.†
- 23 VIII. *Hannah D.*, b. Feb. 9, 1820; m., July 11, 1847,

David W. Orbison of Troy, Ohio. He d. March 24, 1856; and she m. (2d), Aug. 24, 1865, Rev. Moses G. Grosvenor. She d. at Troy, Ohio, Feb. 1, 1878. Mr. Grosvenor d. in Worcester, in the summer of 1879.

She attended a full three years' course at Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary, at which she graduated and received her diploma, Aug. 1, 1844. The two succeeding years she taught high schools for young ladies in South Adams, Mass., and Winchester, N.H. In 1846, under the supervision of Rev. Dr. Brice, she went to Troy, Ohio, and engaged as teacher in the high school. For more than thirty-seven years, as a member of the church, she adorned her profession by a humble, consistent, Christian walk and conversation, and by prompt and efficient efforts in the various benevolent enterprises of the day.

24 IX. *Samuel Hartwell*, b. March 30, 1822; m., Oct. 9, 1845, Minerva Jewell; resides in Needham, Mass.

25 X. *Joseph L.*, b. in Marl., May 20, 1825; m. Harriet E. Fowler of Brattleboro, Vt., where he now resides.

(7) SAMUEL JONES, son of Samuel, m. Huldah Brooks of Chester, Vt., b. May 2, 1825; settled on home farm, where he now resides.

26 I. *Warren S.*, b. Nov. 11, 1847; m., Jan. 18, 1872, Mary Ella Felch. She d. Nov. 29, 1872; and he m. (2d), March 25, 1874, Sarah A. Day; resides at Ayer Junction, Mass.

27 1. Charles W., b. Jan. 18, 1877.

28 II. *Clara A.*, b. Sept. 4, 1850; m., July 2, 1870, Lyman N. Beal of Harrisville, who d. March 13, 1874.

29 III. *Charles M.*, b. Sept. 15, 1852; unm.

30 IV. *Lucy M.*, b. May 29, 1854; m. Frank I. Merriam, *q.v.*

31 V. *George A.*, b. Nov. 26, 1858; resides in Washington Territory.

32 VI. *Stella M.*, b. Sept. 3, 1861.

(18) LEVI JONES, son of William, m., June 23, 1831, Lovisa, dau. of Major John and Mary (Tayntor) Wiswall.

33 I. *Sarah M.*, b. Oct. 17, 1833; d. March 30, 1869; unm.

- 34 II. *Luther Maynard*, b. Apr. 21, 1837; graduated at Yale College, 1860; studied law at Columbian Law School, New York.
- 35 III. *Levi Danforth*, b. May 17, 1839; m., Jan. 25, 1866, Mary Jane Chandler of Boston.
- 36 I. Mary Chandler, b. Nov. 19, 1871.
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- (22) JONATHAN M. JONES, son of William, m., Jan. 10, 1849, Harriet J. Whitcomb of Swansey, b. Nov. 17, 1825, d. in Keene. He now resides in Keene.
- 37 I. *Elsie A.*, b. Oct. 28, 1849; m., Jan. 12, 1871, Edward M. Woodward.
- 38 II. *Fred P.*, b. March 2, 1853; graduated at University Medical College, New York City, Feb. 20, 1877.
- 39 III. *Clarana S.*, b. Apr. 16, 1862.
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- 1 CAPT. JOHN JOSLIN, son of John and Susannah (Carter) Joslin, removed from Jaffrey to Marl., and located on the Joslin place, so called, now owned by Murray Fitch. He d. Dec. 22, 1836. His wife, Sarah, d. Aug. 22, 1841. c.
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- 2 DAVID JOSLIN, son of David and Becca (Richardson) Joslin, was b. in Stoddard, March 14, 1791. His father was a brother of John, before mentioned, and was b. Apr. 25, 1765. David Joslin m. Lucy Knights of Stoddard, and came to Marl. 1819, to reside with his uncle John, and from him inherited his property. He d. Oct. 31, 1861. His widow d. June 8, 1873.
- 3 I. *Eliza*, b. Oct. 29, 1819; m. Elijah Fitch, *q.v.*
- 4 II. *David*, ———; d. in infancy.
- 5 III. *Lycurgus*, ———; d. in infancy.
- 6 IV. *James*, b. Jan. 22, 1835; um.
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- 1 NATHANIEL KENDALL was b. in Providence, R.I., where he resided till he was sixteen years of age, when he removed to Lancaster, Mass. He came to Marl. in 1786. He lived in various places. It is said he changed his place of residence twenty times. He d. in Troy.
- 2 I. *Nathaniel*, b. March 2, 1783; m. Mary Annis; d. at Springfield, Aug., 1846.
- 3 II. *John*, b. Dec. 11, 1784; d. at sea.
- 4 III. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 15, 1786; m. Thomas Dival of Lancaster, Mass.; d. 1831.
- 5 IV. *Abigail*, b. Sept. 6, 1787; m. Jonathan Martin of Richmond; d. 1856.

6	v. <i>Samuel</i> , b. Dec. 17, 1788; m. Hannah, dau. of Kimber Harvey; d. in Canada, 1829.
7	vi. <i>Thomas</i> , b. Dec. 28, 1789; m. Onda Tiffany of Northfield.
8	vii. <i>Henry</i> , b. Apr. 2, 1795; m. Dorothy Parker; removed to Canada.
9	viii. <i>Hannah</i> , b. March 18, 1796; m. Jonathan Martin of Richmond.
10	ix. <i>Nancy</i> , b. June 30, 1798; m. Hosea Bowen of Richmond.
11	x. <i>Joseph</i> , b. Sept., 1800; m. Mary Ann Thurston; settled in Troy.
12	xi. <i>Sally</i> , b. Dec. 18, 1802; d. 1832.
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1	MOSES KENNEY came from Marlboro, Mass., about the year 1772, and purchased the farm then owned by James Tiffany, where he resided until 1778, when he sold to Moses Cutting, and removed to Vermont. He had one son.
2	i. <i>John</i> , bap. Oct. 31, 1773.
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1	WILLIAM KEYES, son of William Keyes and his wife, bap. Nov. 9, 1800.
2	i. <i>Stillman</i> , bap. May 30, 1802. (Church records.)

KIDDER.

The Kidder family is one of the most ancient families of England; and, if tradition may be relied on, they are of the stock of ancient Britons, and existed as a family previous to the invasion of the Romans, Danes, or Saxons, and were not disturbed in the possession of their lands at the conquest. Although the name is found in different parts of England, it is most common in Maresfield, where a family by that name has resided for several centuries.

James Kidder, who was b. at East Grinstead in Sussex, England, in 1626, is considered as the patriarch of the family, and the ancestor of all who bear that name in this country. He settled in Cambridge, Mass., as early as 1650. He m. Anna Moore, dau. of Elder Francis Moore, one of the most wealthy and respectable families of the place. He d. Apr. 16, 1676. His son John, b. 1655, m. Lydia Parker, Sept. 3, 1684, and settled in Chelmsford. Thomas, son of John, b. in Chelmsford, Oct. 30, 1690, m., Dec. 31, 1716, Joanna Keyes. Aaron, second son of Thomas, b. Dec. 22, 1719; m. Rachel Bush, at Marl., Mass., May 19, 1749; settled in New Ipswich, where he d. Nov. 16, 1769. His widow d. 1815, æ. 90. Aaron, eldest son of Aaron and Rachel (Bush) Kidder, b. Nov. 18, 1764, m. Elizabeth Bush; settled in New Ipswich.

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| 1 | AARON BUSH KIDDER, son of Aaron and Elizabeth (Bush) Kidder, b. in New Ipswich, July 21, 1788; m., Nov. 7, 1808, Persis, dau. of Elias and Mary (Patterson) Hemenway; settled on a part of the Hemenway farm, |
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on what is now called "Kidder Hill" in Roxbury. He d. May 21, 1849. His widow d. in Holyoke, Mass., Sept. 29, 1868.

- 2 I. *Aaron B.*, b. 1809; m. Mary Jane Paul; settled on a part of Kidder Hill, where he resided for several years. He is now living in Illinois.
- 3 II. *Thirza E.*, b. March 29, 1811; m. Franklin Spaulding; d. Oct., 1851.
- 4 III. *Betsey M.*, b. Dec. 10, 1813; m. Charles W. Thompson; resides in Somerville, Conn.
- 5 IV. *Polly H.*, b. Aug. 19, 1816; m. James M. L. Parker, *q.v.*
- 6 V. *Nancy E.*, b. Nov. 13, 1818; d. July, 1826.
- 7 VI. *Elias H.*, b. July 15, 1821; m. Sarah Lamphear; resides in Woodstock, Vt.; was a soldier in the late war.
- 8 VII. *Sylvester W.*, b. Oct. 24, 1824; d. July, 1826.
- 9 VIII. *Charles C.*, b. in Peterboro, Aug., 1826; m. Harriet Robbins; is a carpenter; resides in Illinois.
- 10 IX. *Malvina P.*, b. in Peterboro, March 24, 1831; m. George Thayer; resides in Haverhill, Mass.

1 JOHN H. KIMBALL, son of Stephen and Ann (Robertson) Kimball, was b. in Troy, N.Y., Dec. 16, 1841. He is the sixth generation from Hannah Dustin, who was taken prisoner by the Indians at Haverhill, Mass., and afterward escaped by killing several of the savages. Mr. Kimball m., May 10, 1862, Maria, dau. of Benjamin O. and Merial (Spaulding) Hale, b. in Jaffrey, Oct. 5, 1841.

- 2 I. *Lizzie Mabelle*, b. Nov. 6, 1867; d. Aug. 15, 1868.
- 3 II. *Katie Isabell*, b. May 17, 1869.
- 4 III. *Harrie Eddie*, b. Sept. 2, 1871; d. Sept. 15, 1871.

1 JOSIAH H. KNIGHT, b. in Sudbury, Mass., June 1, 1808; m., Apr. 4, 1833, Martha, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Willard) Mason of Dublin, b. June 24, 1814. Mr. Knight came to Marl. to reside, immediately after his marriage, and located on the farm now owned by John McRoy. He removed to Dublin in 1837, but returned to this town in 1855. He now resides on the farm formerly owned by Ziba Nason.

- 2 I. *Hannah M.*, b. Feb. 5, 1834; d. Oct. 3, 1852.
- 3 II. *Hosea B.*, b. Oct. 22, 1835; m., Aug. 20, 1857, Abbie, dau. of Frederick and Fanny (Tenney) Wallace; removed to Winchendon in 1872, where he now resides.
- 4 1. Fred. H., b. July, 1860; d. Sept. 25, 1860.
- 5 2. Gladdie A., b. Apr. 4, 1862.

- 6 3. Birdis M., b. in Winchendon, Apr. 7, 1876.
- 7 III. *Harriet M.*, b. in Dublin, Jan. 13, 1838; m.
Joseph C. Shattuck, *q.v.*
- 8 IV. *Joel S.*, b. in Dublin, Aug. 5, 1840; m., Sept. 15,
1863, Clara A., dau. of Abraham and Hannah
(Perkins) Corey. Killed by falling from a load
of coal, Nov. 24, 1879.
- 9 1. Edith Mabel, b. March 12, 1865.
- 10 2. Frank Leslie, b. Nov. 15, 1869.
- 11 v. *Caroline M.*, b. in Dublin, July 29, 1842; m.
Wyman Sawyer, *q.v.*
- 12 VI. *John A.*, b. in Dublin, March 5, 1845; resides in
Centralia, Mo., um.
- 13 VII. *Sarah Ednah*, b. in Dublin, Oct. 3, 1848; m.
Delevan C. Richardson, *q.v.*
- 14 VIII. *Josiah*, b. in Dublin, Jan. 24, 1851; d. Dec. 28,
1863.
- 15 IX. *Charles Byron*, b. in Dublin, Oct. 8, 1853.
- 16 x. *Lana S.*, b. in Marl., Apr. 10, 1857; d. Dec. 30,
1863.

17 ALMIRA (COLBURN) KNIGHT, widow of Emerson T. Knight, was b. in Langdon, Aug. 10, 1825. Her husband enlisted as a member of Co. K, 105th Ill. Reg., Aug. 14, 1862; d. of disease, in the army, Feb. 28, 1863. The same year Mrs. Knight came to Marl., where she still resides.

- 18 I. *Clayton T.*, b. in Keene, March 16, 1853; d. Sept.
5, 1863.
- 19 II. *Charles H.*, b. in Sugar Grove, Ill., July 7, 1855.
- 20 III. *Hattie A.*, b. in Afton, DeKalb Co., Ill., May 19,
1858; m., Oct. 23, 1879, Frank A. Tarbox.

1 TALMON KNIGHTS came from Templeton, Mass., 1791, purchased of Phinehas Farrar the land now constituting the Cobb farm in Troy, where he continued to reside until his death in 1843.

- 2 I. *Annis*, d. young.
- 3 II. *Susan*, d. young.

1 JESSE KNOWLTON, son of John and Susannah (Jennings) Knowlton, b. in Dublin, July 22, 1791; m., 1816, Sarah, dau. of Jabez and Mary (Webster) Wight, who d. Feb., 1824. He resided in Marl. for several years after his marriage.

- 2 I. *Mary Webster*, b. in Marl., Feb. 18, 1817; m.
Jason Phelps.
- 3 II. *Jabez Wight*, b. in Marl., Nov. 4, 1822.

- 4 LUKE KNOWLTON, son of Dea. John and Elizabeth (Wight) Knowlton, b. in Dublin, Aug. 1, 1801; m., Dec. 28, 1826, Mercy, dau. of James and Lois (Walker) Bemis, b. in Dublin, Sept. 12, 1804. He settled first in Dublin, but came to Marl. to reside, April, 1849. Children b. in Dublin.
- 5 I. *James*, b. Dec. 20, 1828; m., May 23, 1854, Emily L., dau. of Dexter and Abigail (Adams) Mason, b. in Dublin, Oct. 2, 1834. She was a successful school-teacher. He resides on the old Wilson place on the line between Marl. and Keene which passes directly through his house. He is called a citizen of Keene.
- 6 1. *Lilla M.*, b. Apr. 16, 1857.
- 7 II. *Luke*, b. Sept. 5, 1830; m., Nov. 29, 1854, Jane Pierce of Milbury, Mass. She d. Nov. 2, 1861.
- 8 1. *Jennie M.*, b. Oct. 12, 1861.
- Mr. Knowlton m. (2d), Sept. 5, 1867, Hannah M., dau. of James and Sarah (Killham) Townsend. He enlisted in 1862, in Co. A, 14th Reg. N.H. Vols., and served through the war.
- 9 2. *Carrie T.*, b. Aug. 12, 1878.
- 10 III. *Eli B.*, b. Dec. 3, 1833; m., Jan. 19, 1858, Elizabeth E., dau. of Silas and Asenath (Stone) Stone. c.
- 11 IV. *Caroline E.*, b. Jan. 27, 1836; m. William M. Nason, *q.v.*
- 12 V. *Charles*, b. June 23, 1838; enlisted in the service of his country, Sept., 1862, as a member of Co. A, 14th Reg. N.H. Vols.; d. of fever, at Pools-ville, Md., Jan. 20, 1863.
- 13 VI. *Lois Jane*, b. March 10, 1842; d. Dec. 8, 1845.
- 14 VII. *Sarah Ann*, b. Nov. 27, 1843; m. William M. Nason.
- 15 VIII. *Maria Jane*, b. Sept. 3, 1845; d. Sept. 30, 1847.
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- 16 ALBERT KNOWLTON, b. in Framingham, Mass., April 12, 1816; m., Aug. 30, 1834, Catherine Carlton, a native of England. He came to Marl. to reside, 1852.
- 17 I. *Ellen A.*, b. in Troy, Dec. 9, 1840; um.

1 CAPT. JOHN LANE was b. in Lunenburg, Mass. He m., Jan. 28, 1798, Mary Livingston, b. in Billerica, Mass., Dec. 23, 1777. Came to Marl. about 1802, and located on the farm since known as the Reuben Morse place.

His wife d. Aug. 25, 1846; and he m. (2d) Mrs. Betsey J. (Needham) Greenwood. He d. Apr. 28, 1850. Children all but the two eldest b. in Marl.

- 2 i. *George H.*, b. in Billerica, Mass., Jan. 28, 1799.+
- 3 ii. *Timothy*, b. in Braintree, Mass., Sept. 1, 1800; m. Roxanna, dau. of Kimber and Polly Hazleton Harvey; was a physician. (See Chap. XIII.) He d. in Fillmore, Ill., Sept. 1, 1849. His wife d. Jan. 1, 1849.
- 4 1. J. Bowers, b. Sept. 10, 1826.
- 5 2. Jane A., b. Nov. 25, 1828; d. May 6, 1836.
- 6 3. Timothy, b. Apr. 2, 1830; d. Apr. 20, 1832.
- 7 4. Mary Jane, b. Dec. 15, 1837.
- 8 iii. *J. Bowers*, b. Feb. 27, 1803; d. Nov. 1, 1824.
- 9 iv. *Mary*, b. Apr. 30, 1805; d. Nov. 1, 1830; un.
- 10 v. *Minot T.*, b. March 12, 1807; m., Nov. 26, 1829, Ruth, dau. of Phinehas and Abigail (Stone) Farrar; removed to Detroit, Mich., where he d. Feb. 23, 1875. His wife d. Jan. 9, 1863.
- 11 1. George M., b. May 28, 1833.
- 12 vi. *Horatio*, b. Oct. 1, 1809; d. Sept. 11, 1811.
- 13 vii. *Martha B.*, b. Sept. 24, 1811; m., Apr. 8, 1830, Joseph P. Frost; resides in Galesburg, Ill.
- 14 viii. *Maria L.*, b. Nov. 17, 1813; m., May 26, 1829, George C. Rice.
- 15 1. Mary Jane, b. Feb. 4, 1830.
- 16 2. Samuel C., b. Nov. 4, 1834.
- Mr. Rice d. Jan. 27, 1838; and she m. (2d), Oct. 8, 1843, Hubbard Hancock. She d. Feb. 18, 1870.
- 17 3. Sarah M., b. Feb. 10, 1845.
- 18 ix. *Melinda A.*, b. Dec. 16, 1815; m. Reuben Morse, *q.v.*
- 19 x. *James Batcheller*, b. July 29, 1818; m., Jan., 1849, Abbie E. Merriam of Fitchburg; d. July 27, 1867. In the intervals of his labors on the farm, he fitted himself for college at the schools in Jaffrey and Fitzwilliam, and graduated with an honorable rank at Dartmouth. For a time after his graduation, he taught schools, after which, in 1843, he opened a drug-store in Fitchburg, under the name of Lane & Thayer. He soon after bought out his partner, and from that time to his decease devoted himself unremittingly to his business.

Mr. Lane had many valuable traits of character, and was chiefly remarkable for the intense enthusiasm with which he embraced those views and principles, whether political or reformatory, which commended themselves to his judgment, and the untiring energy with which he advocated and enforced them. These qualities made him peculiarly valuable to the Republican party, of which, from the first, he was a devoted adherent, and in his connection with it he rendered constant and important services. To the cause of public education, Mr. Lane was also devotedly attached, and for many years was influential, as a member of the school-board, in promoting the welfare of the public schools. Next to the cause of education, and not second to it in his estimation, he held the cause of temperance, in support of which he labored assiduously to the very close of his life. His illness was long and peculiarly painful, but it was borne with a degree of manly fortitude rarely exhibited. His indomitable will supported him, and apparently enabled him to triumph over his disease until near the very close of his career.

(2) GEORGE H. LANE, son of Capt. John, m., Apr. 4, 1820, Philinda, dau. of Phinehas and Abigail (Stone) Farrar. He resided for two years after his marriage at the old Cummings tavern, which he kept open to the public. He then removed to Boston, where he d. May 12, 1874. His widow still resides in Boston.

20 I. *Phinehas*, b. March 29, 1821; d. Feb. 28, 1822.
 21 II. *Philinda*, b. Dec. 23, 1822; d. Feb. 28, 1823.

1 FREDERICK C. LANG, b. in Würtemberg, Germany, Apr. 3, 1840, came to this country in 1856. He was a member of Co. H, 20th Ind. Reg.; was wounded at "Seven Pines," Va.; discharged in the fall of 1862; re-enlisted in the spring of 1864, in Co. E, 1st N.H. Cavalry, serving until the close of the war. He m., July 1, 1863, Susan, dau. of Isaac W. and Sarah W. (Harris) Holbrook.

2 I. *Hattie I.*, b. in Troy, Jan. 20, 1867.
 3 II. *Berdie R.*, b. in Nelson, March 14, 1868; d. March 16, 1868.
 4 III. *Eldora Bell*, b. in Harrisville, Jan. 29, 1871.
 5 IV. *Annie Cora*, b. in Marl., Nov. 29, 1872.

- 6 v. *Ernest Eugene*, b. in Marl., Jan. 7, 1875.
7 vi. *Ambrose Butler*, b. in Marl., Dec. 16, 1876.

- 1 JOSHUA LARNARD from Cambridge, Mass., resided for some time previous to 1793 on land now owned by George F. Wise, between Stillman Richardson's and the school-house in Dist. No. 1. Nothing is known of the family.

LAWRENCE.

GEORGE LAWRENCE, an early settler of Watertown, Mass., b. 1637; m., Sept. 29, 1657, Elizabeth Crisp, who d. May 28, 1681; and he m. (2d), Aug. 16, 1691, Elizabeth Holland. He d. March 21, 1708-9. His son George, b. June 4, 1688, m. Mary —, and d. March 5, 1735-36. William, son of George, b. March 20, 1711, m., Nov. 28, 1734, Mary Perry; settled in Weston, Mass.

- 1 DANIEL LAWRENCE, son of William and Mary (Perry) Lawrence, b. in Weston, Mass., Sept. 29, 1747; m., Apr. 22, 1772, Elizabeth Graves of Sudbury. Soon after his marriage, leaving his wife in Weston, he came to Marl., and purchased of Jonah Harrington Lot No. 5, in the 6th Range, which included most of the farm since owned by his son John, in the north part of Troy. He built a log house near the site of the present buildings, and doubtless intended to remove there with his family the following year; but, the Revolutionary war breaking out, he changed his plans, and entered the army. He was among the number detached from the main army to fortify Bunker Hill, and fought under Prescott in that memorable battle. At the expiration of eight months, he received an honorable discharge, and returned to Weston. In the spring of 1776, after a toilsome journey (coming, as did most of the other settlers, with an ox-cart), with his wife and one child he took possession of his log house. He d. July 13, 1832. His widow d. Oct. 29, 1840, æ. 101.
- 2 i. *Polly*, b. 1774; m. Hugh Thompson; d. in Maine.
3 ii. *Betsy*, b. 1777; m., Oct. 7, 1800, George Starkey of Swanzey; d. in Troy.
4 iii. *Daniel*, b. 1779; m., Nov. 25, 1802, Sukey Moore; removed to Albany, N.Y.
5 iv. *Lucy*, b. 1781; m., July 29, 1802, Josiah Coolidge of Sullivan.
6 v. *John*, b. 1783.†
- (6) JOHN LAWRENCE, son of Daniel, m., March 4, 1806, Irena, dau. of Jacob Newell, Jr., settled on the home farm. Mrs. Lawrence d. 1849; and he m. (2d) Mrs. Eliza Hayden.

- 7 I. *Louisa*, b. 1806; d. at an early age.
 8 II. *Anna*, b. 1807; removed to Attleboro, Mass.
 9 III. *Clarissa*, b. 1809; d., æ. 13 months.
 10 IV. *Irena*, b. 1810; d. 1842.
 11 V. *Simon*, b. 1812; m. Eliza Buffum; removed to
 Fitchburg.
 12 VI. *Betsey*, b. 1814; m. A. B. Harrington, *q.v.*
 13 VII. *John*, b. 1816; m. Adaline Goodenow of Winch-
 endon.
 14 VIII. *Houghton*, b. 1818.
 15 IX. *Cynthia*, b. 1820; d. 1840.
 16 X. *Sarah*, b. 1822; d. 1849.
 17 XI. *Harvey*, b. 1823; removed to Illinois.
 18 XII. *Almira*, b. 1826; removed to Indiana.

19 JONATHAN LAWRENCE, a brother of Daniel, b. Feb. 1, 1750; m., 1773, Lucy Moore of Sudbury, Mass. He came to Marl. in 1777, and purchased of his brother Daniel the lot next north of the one occupied by himself, constituting the farm since owned by his grandson, Joseph E. Lawrence.

- 20 I. *Jonathan*.+
 21 II. *Samuel*.+
 22 III. *Cyrus*.
 23 IV. *Lucy*; removed to Vermont.
 24 V. *Isaac*, removed to Vermont.
 25 VI. *William*.+
 26 VII. *Abigail*.
 27 VIII. *Sally*, m. Daniel Cutting; d. in Troy.
 28 IX. *Eunice*, removed to Vermont.
 29 X. *Betsey*.

(20) JONATHAN LAWRENCE, son of Jonathan, m., 1798, Dorothy, dau. of Moses Cutting, and resided for several years on the farm since known as the Forbes place in the south part of the town. About 1804, he purchased of Hugh Thompson the farm since owned by Sidney A. Butler, in the north part of Troy. He d. in 1837.

- 30 I. *Alfred*, b. June 2, 1799; d. Oct. 14, 1841.
 31 II. *Belinda*, b. July 12, 1802; m. James Downing of
 Dedham, Mass.
 32 III. *Sophonra*, b. Jan. 29, 1804.
 33 IV. *Horatio*, b. May 17, 1807; m. Mary Newell; re-
 moved to Vermont.
 34 V. *Austin*, b. Dec. 25, 1809.
 35 VI. *Dorothy*, b. Nov. 26, 1812.
 36 VII. *Gregory*, b. Feb. 23, 1816; m. Emily Brown;
 resides in Troy.

- (21) SAMUEL LAWRENCE, son of Jonathan, m. Anna Pratt, and lived a few years in Royalston, Mass. He came to Marl. in 1807, and resided near the school-house in Dist. No. 1, now in Troy. He was a carpenter, and the most of his time was devoted to that trade. In the great freshet in the winter of 1810, he was employed with others to remove a large body of ice, which was obstructing the passage of the water under the bridge, near the shop since owned by E. Whitcomb in Troy, and threatening its destruction. While standing upon the ice, the obstruction suddenly gave way, and he was thrown with considerable violence into the stream and carried rapidly down the current, and before assistance could be rendered him by those on shore he was hurried down the rapids, where he disappeared forever. His widow m. Aaron Willard, *q.v.*
- 37 I. *William*, b. Feb. 23, 1800; m. Sarah E. Hiscock; d. Jan. 8, 1852.
- 38 II. *Almon*, b. 1802; m. (1st) Eliza Lawrence, who d. 1835; and he m. (2d) Mary Bamfield; removed to Cambridge, Mass.
- 39 III. *Danforth*, b. 1804; m. Mary Newman.
- 40 IV. *Jonas*, b. 1806; m. Lydia Coburn; settled in Hillsboro.
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- (25) WILLIAM LAWRENCE, son of Jonathan, m. Patty, dau. of Joseph and Hitty (Farrar) Haskell; settled on the home farm.
- 41 I. *Calvin*, b. Apr. 10, 1805; m., Nov. 8, 1838, Mary Ann Merrifield.
- 42 II. *Mary*, b. Aug. 15, 1807; m. (1st) E. Perkins, who d., and (2d) Asa Boyden of Rhode Island.
- 43 III. *Joseph*, b. Dec. 22, 1809; d. Dec. 25, 1820.
- 44 IV. *Fanny*, b. Sept. 12, 1812; m., Aug. 25, 1831, Jonas Bemis.
- 45 V. *William H.*, b. Sept. 29, 1815; d. Jan. 10, 1817.
- 46 VI. *William*, b. July 15, 1817; removed to New York.
- 47 VII. *Luke*, b. July 2, 1819; removed to Rhode Island.
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- 48 JOSIAH LAWRENCE (genealogy not traced) had children b. in Marl. as follows:—
- 49 I. *Harriet*, b. Feb. 24, 1803.
- 50 II. *Hannah*, b. Feb. 17, 1807.
- 51 III. *Keziah*, b. June 29, 1809.
- 52 IV. *Harlow*, b. Nov. 7, 1811.
- 53 V. *Angelina*, b. June 13, 1814.
- 54 VI. *Sarah*, b. May 23, 1817.

55 ELI LAWRENCE (genealogy not traced) m., Jan. 1, 1840, Harriet, dau. of Calvin and Polly (Baker) Hastings; resides in Windham, Vt.

56 I. *Elmer H.*, b. Oct. 18, 1840; m., March 19, 1863, Helen A. Kendall; d. Aug. 12, 1875.

57 II. *John B.*, b. Nov. 2, 1842; m., Jan. 1, 1866, Rose R. Kendall.

58 III. *Myron G.*, b. Dec. 15, 1844; m., Nov. 15, 1871, Mary E. Wiley.

59 IV. *Hattie E.*, b. Oct. 13, 1848; m., March 25, 1876, Solon W. Kendall; resides in Rockingham, Vt.

60 JOSIAH WHITNEY LAWRENCE, son of Capt. Asa and Clarissa (Stebbins) Lawrence of Roxbury, b. Apr. 22, 1832; m., Sept. 13, 1863, Julia B., dau. of Silas Keyes of East Princeton, Mass.; came to Marl. to reside in the fall of 1866.

61 I. *Fannie Clarissa*, b. Feb. 22, 1869.

62 II. *Alice Julia*, b. June 26, 1871.

63 III. *Josephine Whitney*, b. May 18, 1878.

1 SOLOMON LAWS (Rev.), youngest child of Thomas and Mary (Locke) Laws, b. in Peterboro, Nov. 13, 1806; graduated at Dartmouth College, 1836. He studied divinity, and joined the Universalist denomination. He preached some years in Temple, and in 1856 came to Marl., where he remained until the spring of 1874, when he removed to Akron, Ohio, to give his daughters the advantages of Buchtel College. He m., Sept. 30, 1847, Olive Mason Johnson of Chester, Vt., b. in Mt. Holly, Vt., Jan. 31, 1818, d. Apr. 2, 1867. He d. in Akron, in the summer of 1879. Children b. in Temple.

2 I. *Thomas Johnson*, b. March 17, 1850; d. July 18, 1851.

3 II. *Solomon M.*, b. Nov. 1, 1851; d. June 21, 1853.

4 III. *Lillie Clara*, b. Dec. 4, 1853.

5 IV. *Mara Ella*, b. Aug. 14, 1855.

1 JAMES LEWIS was b. in Oxfordshire, England. He was a sea-captain for several years, after which he settled in Southboro, Mass., where he m., Sept. 5, 1753, Martha Collins. He came to Marl. in 1771, and purchased of his brother-in-law, Joseph Collins, the farm known as the Hunting farm, now owned by Stillman Richardson. He served as captain in the Revolutionary war. His townsmen gave ample proof of their respect for him by electing him to offices of trust and responsibility. He was one of the eight who formed

the church in 1778, and one of its most active members. Some time about 1790, he removed to Greenbush, N.Y. His wife d. in 1809.

- 2 i. *Mary*, b. 1754; m. Thomas Upham; removed to
Greenbush, N.Y.
- 3 ii. *John*, b. Nov. 16, 1755.+
- 4 iii. *Daniel*, m., and removed to Stanstead, Canada;
had one child, b. in Marl.
- 5 1. *Betty*, b. Aug. 17, 1783.
- 6 iv. *Josiah*, b. March 6, 1758.+
- 7 v. *Jareb*, b. Aug. 19, 1772; m. Patty Treadwell, b.
Jan., 1776, d. Dec. 3, 1808. He d. Nov. 13,
1808.
- 8 vi. *Eli*, enlisted in the Revolutionary war at the
age of fourteen, and served three years; pub-
lished to Olive Parker, July 9, 1784; settled
in Granville, Vt. Descendants living in Win-
chester.
- 9 vii. *Rebecca*, published to John Greenlief, March 4,
1783; lived and d. in Cornish, N.H.
- 10 viii. *Silas*, removed to Stanstead, Canada.
- 11 ix. *Ezekiel*, removed to Stanstead, Canada.
- 12 x. *Elizabeth*, m. Samuel Hemenway, *q.v.*
- 13 xi. *Cate*, bap. July 18, 1779; m. Oliver Willard;
removed to Ogden, N.Y. He d. in 1826. She
d. Sept. 23, 1856.
- 14 xii. *Patty*, m. Israel Banks, *q.v.*

- (3) JOHN LEWIS, son of Capt. James, published to Re-
becca Upham of Hubbardston, Mass., 1782; probably m.
same year. He d. Feb. 21, 1793.

- 15 i. *Phebe*, b. Aug. 5, 1782.
- 16 ii. *James*, b. Apr. 25, 1784.
- 17 iii. *Mary*, b. Dec. 14, 1786.
- 18 iv. *John*, b. May 7, 1789.+
- 19 v. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 19, 1792; m. Moses Wark, *q.v.*

- (6) JOSIAH LEWIS, son of Capt. James, m. Martha, dau.
of Timothy and Martha (Wesson) Bemis; settled on the
farm now owned by Ezra Livermore. He d. Nov. 2,
1828. His wife d. Feb. 13, 1841.

- 20 i. *David*, b. Apr. 20, 1781.+
- 21 ii. *Anna*, b. Apr. 20, 1784; m. John Sargent, *q.v.*

- (18) JOHN LEWIS, son of John, m., Dec. 14, 1811, Lucretia,
dau. of Jeremiah and Sarah (Wright) Bemis. He d.
Dec. 22, 1848, and his widow d. March 2, 1861.

- 22 i. *Sarah W.*, b. in Roxbury, Nov. 10, 1812; m.,
Dec. 31, 1833, Josiah Bemis, of Dublin; d. in
Jaffrey, Dec. 14, 1840.
- 23 ii. *Lucretia B.*, b. in Roxbury, Feb. 5, 1815; m.
Thomas White, *q.v.*
- 24 iii. *John G.*, b. in Dublin, Dec. 24, 1817; m., Aug.
1, 1843, Sarah S. Leman, of Hallowell, Me.;
settled in Lancaster. He was first lieutenant
of Co. H, 9th Reg. N.H. Vols., and was killed
at the battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862.
He was marching with his company to the
place assigned his regiment just out of the city,
when a shell from the enemy exploded near
him, and a piece struck him upon the left side
of the neck, just below the ear, severing the
arteries. He fell instantly, and never again
breathed or moved. He was a good man, a
kind and genial neighbor, and a tried and faith-
ful friend. No truer man ever fell a martyr in
the war than he.
- 25 iv. *Horatio O.*, b. in Dublin, March 28, 1820; m.
Sarah W. Bemis of Guildhall, Vt.; d. in Lan-
caster, June 1, 1873.
- 26 v. *George U.*, b. in Dublin, Nov. 4, 1823; m., July
3, 1853, Elizabeth Bugbee of Bethel, Vt., where
he now resides.
- 27 vi. *Mary A.*, b. in Dublin, March 24, 1826; m. Enoch
Foster, *q.v.*
- 28 vii. *An infant daughter*, b. in Windsor, Vt., Aug. 22,
1832; d. the same day.
- 29 viii. *James E.*, an adopted son, b. in Windsor, Vt.,
May 23, 1832; m., Dec. 25, 1859, Fostina C.,
dau. of Warren C. and Sarah (Hemenway)
Towne. He was killed by the cars at Fitch-
burg, Oct. 6, 1868.
- 30 ix. *An infant son*, b. in Windsor, Vt., June 22,
1834; d. the same day.
- 31 x. *Horace O.*, b. in Dublin, July 11, 1836; d. June
13, 1864, at Armory Square Hospital, Washing-
ton, D.C., of wounds received at the battle of
Cold Harbor.

(20) DAVID LEWIS, son of Josiah, m. Azubah Greenwood
of Dublin. He d. Nov. 26, 1834. His widow d. Sept.
2, 1855.

- 32 i. *Arvilla*, m. Noah White, *q.v.*
- 33 ii. *Prescott*.
- 34 iii. *Leonard*; was drowned.

- 1 | WILLIAM LINCOLN, b. in Hingham, Mass., July 1, 1761; m., June 5, 1787, Jael Cushing, b. Apr. 6, 1764; settled first in East Sudbury, now Wayland, Mass.; came to this town in the summer of 1792, and purchased of Samuel Collins the Joslin place, now owned by Murray Fitch. Tradition states that he set out the elm near Mr. Fitch's house, which is now the most beautiful shade-tree in the village. He d. Oct. 29, 1839. His widow d. Oct. 30, 1840.
- 2 | I. *William*, b. in East Sudbury, May 2, 1788; d. in Ohio, Dec. 27, 1813.
- 3 | II. *Polly*, b. in East Sudbury, Feb. 21, 1790; m. Ezekiel Colman of Ashby; d. June 30, 1855.
- 4 | III. *Sallie*, b. in East Sudbury, May 6, 1792; m. Dea. Simeon Whitcomb, *q.v.*
- 5 | IV. *Levitt*, b. in Marl., March 24, 1795; d. Sept. 17, 1796.
- 6 | V. *Levitt*, b. in Marl., June 22, 1797; m. Sybil Hale of Townsend, Mass.; resides in New Ipswich.
- 7 | VI. *Henry*, b. in Marl., Dec. 4, 1800; d. June 25, 1822.
- 8 | VII. *Fannie*, b. in Marl., Sept. 26, 1803; m. William Whitney of Ashby.
- 9 | VIII. *Harriet*, b. in Marl., June 20, 1807; m. Abiel Wheeler; resides in Concord, Mass.
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- 1 | AARON LOMBARD was b. in Brimfield, Mass., March 2, 1772. In 1793, after acquiring the blacksmith's trade, he came to this town and commenced business in Dea. Tucker's shop, which formerly stood on Library Square. He m., June 21, 1796, Eunice, dau. of Isaac and Thankful (Wheeler) Gibbs, and located in the house now owned by Mrs. Sarah Davis. He also resided a few years on the place now owned by Thaddeus Metcalf. He removed to Swanzey in 1821, where he d. Jan. 27, 1859. His wife d. Jan. 18, 1859.
- 2 | I. *Perley*, b. Jan. 22, 1797; d. Aug. 2, 1800.
- 3 | II. *Joseph*, b. Sept. 8, 1799; m., Dec. 17, 1828, Mary E. Ferrin of Charlestown, Mass., who d. May 16, 1832; and he m. (2d), Nov. 16, 1832, Susau Curtis of Boston. He d. in New York, June 24, 1856.
- 4 | III. *Sylvester*, b. Aug. 27, 1801; d. Oct. 27, 1802.
- 5 | IV. *Eliza*, b. May 9, 1803.
- 6 | V. *Benjamin F.*, b. May 2, 1805; d. Oct. 2, 1807.
- 7 | VI. *Laura*, b. Feb. 7, 1807; m., Oct. 12, 1823, Daniel Kendrick of Swanzey; resides in Nashua.
- 8 | VII. *Mary F.*, b. Apr. 22, 1809; m., Sept. 8, 1827, William Stratton of Swanzey.

- 9 VIII. *Emily*, b. July 3, 1811; m., May 14, 1833, John Scates; resides in Nashua.
- 10 IX. *Benjamin F.*, b. June 29, 1814; m., Feb. 2, 1840, Fanny Whitcomb; resides in Swanzey.
- 11 X. *Isaac G.*, b. Aug. 24, 1816; d. Dec. 3, 1837.
- 12 XI. *Jane E.*, b. Nov. 12, 1818; m., Jan. 29, 1843, John R. Hinckley; resides in Boston.
- 13 XII. *George S.*, b. Oct. 16, 1820; m., Nov. 9, 1852, Mary E. Crosby of Boston; settled in Worcester; entered the army in 1863; d. in hospital in North Carolina, 1865.

1 BENJAMIN LONGLY came from Ashburnham, Mass., in 1795, and purchased the farm since owned by Aaron Stone. Here he opened a public house, which he continued to keep until 1806, when he sold his farm and tavern to Elijah Boyden of Walpole, Mass., and removed to Canada.

- 2 I. *Polly*, d. in Canada.
- 3 II. *Edmund*, d. March 25, 1806, æ. 20.
- 4 III. *Luther*, b. in Ashburnham, July 17, 1792.
- 5 IV. *Nancy*, b. in Ashburnham, March 16, 1794.
- 6 V. *Betsey*, b. in Marl., Sept. 30, 1796.
- 7 VI. *Sophia*, b. in Marl., July 22, 1799; d. Nov. 25, 1803.
- 8 VII. *Nathan*, b. in Marl., Sept. 1, 1800.
- 9 VIII. *Harriet*, b. in Marl., Oct. 22, 1802; d. Aug. 29, 1805.

1 GEORGE LOVERING was b. in Sudbury, Mass., May 6, 1814; m., Apr. 1, 1838, Elizabeth V. Hartshorn, b. in Boston, Dec. 29, 1819; resided in Boston until 1851, when he came to Marl. He resided here five years, and then removed to Sudbury, Mass. In 1872, he returned to this town, and purchased the farm of Reuben Morse, where he now resides.

- 2 I. *George E.*, b. in Boston, Jan. 2, 1839; d. July 25, 1842.
- 3 II. *Charles*, b. in Boston, Dec. 27, 1840; d. Sept. 3, 1841.
- 4 III. *Charles W.*, b. in Boston, June 12, 1842; d. Dec. 10, 1843.
- 5 IV. *Mary E.*, b. in Boston, July 19, 1844; m., Aug. 4, 1864, Charles A. Rowe; resides in West Newton, Mass.
- 6 V. *George A.*, b. in Boston, June 27, 1846; m., Sept. 23, 1872, Elsie E., dau. of Simon Holt.
- 7 VI. *William*, b. in Boston, July 20, 1848; d. Aug. 2, 1848.

- 8 VII. *Washington*, b. in Boston, July 22, 1849; d. Aug. 19, 1849.
- 9 VIII. *Sarah F.*, b. in Marl., June 11, 1851; m., Dec. 25, 1871, Frank W. Wyman; resides in Maynard, Mass.
- 10 IX. *Catharine I.*, b. in Marl., March 22, 1853; m. Henry H. Mason, *q.v.*
- 11 X. *Harriet L.*, b. in Marl., March 17, 1855; m., Nov. 30, 1876, Miles F. Cudworth.
- 12 XI. *Emma M.*, b. in Sudbury, Feb. 8, 1857; m., Jan. 1, 1879, Frederick W. Farwell of Boston.
- 13 XII. *Carrie L.*, b. in Sudbury, March 15, 1859; m., Sept. 30, 1880, Ora W. Mason; resides in Keene.
- 14 XIII. *Luella*, b. in Sudbury, Jan. 20, 1861; d. Feb. 21, 1862.
- 15 XIV. *Nellie G.*, b. in Sudbury, March 12, 1862; d. Nov. 9, 1868.

16 WILLIAM A. LOVERING, a brother of George, was b. in Waltham, Mass., Oct. 19, 1821; m., Dec. 11, 1851, Lucy A. Jordan, b. in Lisbon, Me., Aug. 28, 1826. He came to Marl. in Jan., 1854, and located on the Joel Porter farm. He left town in 1866, and d. in Somerville, Mass., Aug. 21, 1873. His widow still resides in Somerville.

- 17 I. *Agnes E.*, b. in Marl., Aug. 29, 1854; d. June 26, 1863.
- 18 II. *Clarence A.*, b. in Marl., May 25, 1859.
- 19 III. *Howard W.*, b. in Troy, Apr. 9, 1871.

1 THEODORE MANN, from Walpole, Mass., settled in Marl. previous to 1776. He is said to have come into town in better circumstances than most of the settlers who had preceded him; and, being a man of wealth, he was able to procure for his family many luxuries which his poorer neighbors were unable to have. He resided for a short time on the farm now owned by Augustus Southwick. He then purchased a lot of land comprising the farms now owned by George F. Wise and Josiah H. Knight. He built a house near the one occupied by Mr. Wise, in which he resided for many years; but, being a man of intemperate habits, he squandered his little fortune, and d. in extreme poverty, Feb. 14, 1823. His wife d. July 12, 1822.

- 2 I. *Gratia*, b. 1766; d. Dec., 1846; um.
- 3 II. *Levi*, b. Apr. 9, 1777.
- 4 III. *Abigail*, b. June 13, 1779.
- 5 IV. *Elias*, b. Feb. 8, 1781 + .

- 6 v. *Sarah*, b. Apr. 3, 1783; m., Apr. 2, 1827, Mordecai Cass of Richmond.
- 7 vi. *Reuben*, b. Apr. 30, 1789.+
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- (5) ELIAS MANN, son of Theodore, m., Jan. 1, 1811, Betsey, dau. of Joseph and Parna (Temple) Butler. He d. in Jaffrey, March 11, 1858.
- 8 I. *Lauren A.*, b. July 15, 1813; d. æ. 8 months.
- 9 II. *Elias W.*, b. Oct. 15, 1815; d. Oct. 20, 1829.
- 10 III. *Edward*, b. Feb. 16, 1817; d. Oct. 15, 1819.
- 11 IV. *Lauren*, b. Jan. 15, 1819; d. Feb. 5, 1819.
- 12 V. *Edwin*, b. Sept. 20, 1821; d. Apr. 29, 1856.
- 13 VI. *Almon*, b. Sept. 15, 1823.
- 14 VII. *Eliza*, b. July 15, 1825; d. June 27, 1826.
- 15 VIII. *L. Jason*, b. July 1, 1827; d. Jan. 1, 1831.
- 16 IX. *John W.*, b. Dec. 8, 1830; m., and resides on the homestead in Jaffrey.
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- (7) REUBEN MANN, son of Theodore, m., 1811, Anna Cass, b. in Richmond, 1793. He removed to Fitzwilliam about 1840, where he d. Jan., 1841.
- 17 I. *Nathan*, b. 1812; m., Jan. 1, 1835, Philinda, dau. of Libeus and Relief (Ball) Rhodes; d. in Somerset, Vt., 1864.
- 18 II. *Eunice*, b. July 7, 1814; m., March, 1841, Chauncy Chase of Fitzwilliam; resides in Athol, Mass.
- 19 III. *Susan*, b. Feb. 2, 1820; m. Aaron A. Rhodes; resides in Windham, Vt.
- 20 IV. *Lorinda*, b. 1822; m., Feb., 1841, Martin P. Stone of Fitzwilliam.
- 21 V. *Maria L.*, b. 1823; resides in Shirley, Mass.
- 22 VI. *Lovina*, b. 1825; drowned May, 1830.
- 23 VII. *Reuben*, b. July 3, 1838; m., 1852, Caroline Bosworth of Royalston, Mass.
- 24 VIII. *Mary*, b. 1829; d. in Shirley, Mass.
- 25 IX. *Lovina*, b. 1831; m. Henry Parsons; resides in Connecticut.
- 26 X. *Henry*, b. 1832; m., 1870, Sarah Sweat of Templeton, Mass.
- 27 XI. *Martha E.*, m. Charles Rest of Walpole; resides in Newfane, Vt.
- 28 XII. *Levi*.
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- i. SAMUEL J. MARTIN, M.D., son of Jefferson and Rhoda (Davis) Martin, b. in Weston, Vt., Sept. 7, 1830; m., May 11, 1859, Helen A., dau. of Holland and Rosanna Albee, b. Nov. 24, 1834. He commenced the

practice of medicine in this town Feb., 1863, where he remained until April, 1866, when he removed to Walpole. He now resides in Racine, Wis. (see Chap. XII.).

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i. *Mae H. A.*, b. in Marl., Jan. 4, 1865.

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ALVIN K. MARTIN, son of Caleb and Clara (Emerson) Martin, b. in Manchester, Apr. 3, 1844; m., Oct. 12, 1869, Mrs. Lizzie E. Dow. She has one daughter by her first husband, Ina M., b. in Epsom, Oct. 13, 1866. Mr. Martin was a member of Co. G, 14th Reg. N.H. Vols.; served three years.

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i. *Charlie Alvin*, b. Apr. 27, 1871.

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ii. *Clarence E.*, b. Feb. 16, 1879.

MASON.

The numerous families in Marlborough bearing the name of Mason are the descendants of Capt. Hugh Mason, a tanner, and one of the very first settlers of Watertown, Mass., who at the age of twenty-eight, with his wife, Esther, aged twenty-two, embarked in the "Francis" of Ipswich, England, the last of April, 1634. He was representative ten years, and selectman twenty-nine years; a lieutenant as early as 1649, and made captain May 5, 1652. He d. Oct. 10, 1678, æ. 73. His wife d. May 1, 1692. They had seven children. Joseph, the second son, b. Aug. 10, 1646, m., Feb. 5, 1683-84, Mary Fiske, who d. Jan. 6, 1724-25, æ. 62 years, 6 months. He was a tanner, and lived on the homestead. He d. July 22, 1702. His son, Joseph, b. Oct. 2, 1688, m., Sept. 14, 1710, Mary Monk, dau. of Elias and Hope Monk of that part of Dorchester which is now Stoughton. He was a deacon of the church, a Justice of the Peace, and filled various town offices. He d. July 6, 1755; and his wife d. April 22, 1763, æ. 72. They had six sons and six daughters, all of whom lived to be married and have left numerous descendants.

Benjamin, the second son and fourth child, b. in Watertown, July 14, 1717, m., Sept. 28, 1741, Martha Fairbanks of Sherborn, where he settled, and remained until about 1765, when he removed to Dublin. He was a carpenter, and framed most of the houses in the neighborhood in his day, and at raisings he was distinguished for his agility, fearlessness, and self-possession. He was selectman of Dublin in 1771. He d. July 5, 1801, and his widow d. Feb. 4, 1815. His son, Thaddeus, b. July 4, 1746, m., June, 1768, Sarah, dau. of Thomas and Mary (Treadway) Morse, b. Apr. 24, 1750, d. Oct. 7, 1828. He d. Sept. 27, 1821. They had eleven children. Thaddeus, the eldest son, b. Nov. 15, 1770, m., Oct. 29, 1797, Lydia, dau. of Ivory and Keziah (Broad) Perry, b. Aug. 28, 1775. He d. March 26, 1851. Calvin, son of Thaddeus and Lydia (Perry) Mason, b. Nov. 16, 1798, m., Oct. 31, 1822, Rebecca, dau. of Joel and Abigail (Babcock) Kendall, b. Aug. 16, 1802, d. June 6, 1870. Their son, Charles K., is numbered 48 in the following register.

Joseph, another son of Benjamin and Martha (Fairbanks) Mason of Dublin, b. 1748, m., Nov. 9, 1769, Anna Prentiss of Sherborn. He was killed by the fall of a tree, 1806. She d. 1822. Their son, Samuel, b. March 29, 1771, m., Oct. 15, 1795, Mary, dau. of Rev. Elijah and Mary (Atherton) Willard. He d. Oct. 20, 1822. Their eldest son, Samuel, b. Nov. 4, 1796, m., Nov. 26, 1818, Anna, dau. of Joel and Abigail (Bab-

cock) Kendall, b. Aug. 18, 1799. They were the parents of Stephen Spaulding and Elijah Willard Mason, who are numbered 54 and 69 respectively, in the following register. Merrill Mason, another son of Samuel and Mary (Willard) Mason, is number 82 in the register.

Benjamin Mason, third son of Benjamin and Martha (Fairbanks) Mason of Dublin, b. May 28, 1760, m., Jan. 27, 1783, Phebe, dau. of Asa and Elizabeth Norcross, b. June 30, 1764, d. July 1, 1841. He d. May 16, 1840. His son, Jeremiah, b. Feb. 11, 1789, m., Feb. 6, 1815, Sally Fisk of Holliston, Mass.; settled in Sullivan. They were the parents of Levi F. Mason, who is numbered 92 in the following register.

Bela, fourth son of Benjamin and Martha (Fairbanks) Mason of Dublin, b. Oct. 1, 1764, m., May 12, 1785, Sally, dau. of Asa and Elizabeth Norcross, b. June 10, 1768, d. March 12, 1846. He d. in Sullivan, Jan. 6, 1841. Capt. Rufus Mason, son of Bela and Sally (Norcross) Mason, b. May 16, 1788, m., June 1, 1815, Prudence Woods of Sullivan. He resided in Sullivan, where he was for four years one of the selectmen, and was also representative two years. His son, Charles, is number 98 in the register.

Nehemiah Mason, another son of Joseph and Mary (Monk) Mason of Watertown, b. June 14, 1721, m. (1st), March 28, 1754, Elizabeth Stone. She d. Apr. 24, 1755, æ. 32; and he m. (2d) Martha Clark, who d. July 25, 1761; and he m. (3d), Apr. 17, 1764, Rebecca Fillebrown. He d. Aug. 6, 1775.

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- 1 HUGH MASON, son of Nehemiah and Martha (Clark) Mason, b. in Watertown, Dec. 23, 1758, m., June 20, 1782, Elizabeth, dau. of Richard and Elizabeth Clark of Watertown. He remained in Watertown until Feb., 1793, when he removed with his family to Marl., and settled on the farm which had previously been occupied by Thomas and Lawson Moore, and is the one now owned by his grandson, William C. Mason. Mr. Mason was a man of good business talents, and was much respected by his fellow-townsmen, who embraced every opportunity to place him in offices of trust and responsibility, as will be seen in the former chapters of this work. Of the children, six were b. in Watertown, the remainder in Marl.
- 2 I. *Martha Clark*, b. Dec. 14, 1782; d. May 7, 1817.
- 3 II. *Richard Clark*, b. Feb. 23, 1784; removed to Baltimore, Md., where he d. March 25, 1873.
- 4 III. *Joseph*, b. Apr. 16, 1786; d. Jan. 26, 1803.
- 5 IV. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 2, 1787; d. Nov. 20, 1798.
- 6 V. *Amos*, b. June 3, 1789; d. Oct. 18, 1810.
- 7 VI. *Seth*, b. Nov. 24, 1790; removed to Portland, Me.
- 8 VII. *Clark*, b. Apr. 16, 1794.†
- 9 VIII. *Charles*, b. June 17, 1796; removed to Portland, Me.
- 10 IX. *Aaron*, b. Aug. 22, 1799; resided in Quincy, Mass.; d. some years since.

- 11 x. *Edward*, b. March 4, 1802; removed to Portland, Me.
 12 xi. *Eliza*, b. Oct. 10, 1805; m., Apr. 5, 1829, Rufus R. Cook of Boston; d. Sept. 14, 1834.
 13 xii. *Joseph*, b. May 17, 1808; m. Nancy Daggett; was killed in a coal-mine, Aug. 25, 1836.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mason d. Feb. 26, 1819; and he m. (2d), Jan. 19, 1820, Lydia, dau. of Lawson and Lydia (Goodnough) Moore. He d. Aug. 25, 1838, and his widow d. in Swanzey, Nov., 1876.

- 14 xiii. *Martha Clark*, b. Sept. 7, 1821; d. Aug. 31, 1826.

(8) CLARK MASON, son of Hugh, m., Jan. 1, 1817, Eunice, dau. of Jonathan and Hannah (Parkhurst) Adams. Immediately after marriage, they started on an ox-sled for what was then the Far West, and arrived in Richland, Oswego Co., N.Y., in twenty-two days. Mrs. Mason d. Jan., 1826, and in Feb., 1827, he returned to Marl., where he m., Feb. 7, 1828, Almira Towne of Roxbury, and located on his father's farm, where he remained until his death, Aug. 12, 1861. His widow d. Jan. 24, 1864. Children by first wife b. in Richland, N.Y.

- 15 i. *William C.*, b. Dec. 8, 1817. +
 16 ii. *Amos A.*, b. Sept. 25, 1819. +
 17 iii. *Eliza*, b. Sept. 29, 1821; d. May 1, 1831.
 18 iv. *Elmira*, b. Apr. 23, 1824; d. Oct. 22, 1824.

Children by second wife b. in Marl.

- 19 v. *George F.*, b. Feb. 5, 1829. +
 20 vi. *Fanny*, b. March 17, 1830; m., Sept. 8, 1853, George W. Brooks; resides in Swanzey.
 21 vii. *Edwin J.*, b. Dec. 18, 1832; m., Nov. 29, 1855, Hannah M. Bliss, of Royalston; d. Dec. 21, 1866.
 22 viii. *Eliza S.*, b. March 29, 1834; d. March 8, 1835.
 23 ix. *Charles H.*, b. July 23, 1835; d. Dec. 19, 1835.
 24 x. *Joseph C.*, b. March 13, 1837; m., Dec. 2, 1866, Martha Jane Kingsbury of Mason village; is a lawyer; resides at West Jofflin, Mo. (see Chap. XIII.).
 25 1. Hortense M., b. July 31, 1868.
 26 2. Ernest C., b. Oct. 20, 1871.
 27 xi. *Sumner A.*, b. May 23, 1838; m., Nov. 18, 1869, Josephine Heath; is a physician in New York City (see Chap. XIII.).
 28 xii. *Susanna*, b. Feb. 23, 1840; d. July 5, 1863; un.

- 29 XIII. *Martha E.*, b. March 18, 1841; m. Obediah Sprague; resides in Swanzey.
- 30 XIV. *Charles A.*, b. Apr. 11, 1843; d. in the army, Sept. 7, 1863.
- 31 XV. *Mary A.*, b. Feb. 15, 1845; d. Jan. 1, 1867; um.
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- (15) WILLIAM C. MASON, son of Clark, m., Oct. 19, 1841; Susan W., dau. of Charles and Elizabeth (Warren) Page. He remained in Marl. until 1854, then he removed to Troy, where he resided until March, 1865, when he bought the old homestead and returned to Marl., where he has since resided. One article of furniture, of which Mr. Mason may be justly proud, is a brass clock of old-time fashion, which has descended to him from his great-grandfather, Richard Clark of Watertown, Mass. This clock was made in London; and, although it has run for a hundred and nineteen years, it still keeps good time, and is said to be good for another century.
- 32 I. *Warren William*, b. July 5, 1845; m. Ella Parks of Winchendon; resides in Keene.
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- (16) AMOS A. MASON, son of Clark, m., Apr. 10, 1845, Alzina, dau. of Josiah and Olive (Parmenter) Woodward. He has been representative two years, and selectman sixteen years.
- 33 I. *Francis L.*, b. June 11, 1846; drowned Nov. 20, 1872; um.
- 34 II. *Frederick A.*, b. Apr. 13, 1848; m., Nov. 29, 1871, Nellie B., dau. of Daniel and Lucy Ann (Sprague) Wright.
- 35 III. *Henry H.*, b. Dec. 27, 1849; m., June 4, 1873, Isabella, dau. of George and Elizabeth V. (Hartshorn) Lovering; resides in Northfield, Mass.
- 36 1. Frank H., b. July 9, 1874.
- 37 2. Walter L., b. May 6, 1876.
- 38 IV. *Marietta A.*, b. Jan. 19, 1852; m., Jan. 25, 1871, Alfred Putney.
- 39 1. Herbert A., b. Apr. 12, 1875.
- 40 V. *Edwin W.*, b. Dec. 27, 1853; m., Sept. 15, 1875, Martha E. Jewett of Ashby, who d. July 14, 1877, æ. 24; and he m. (2d), May 4, 1880, Ella M. Farwell of Mason.
- 41 VI. *Samuel A.*, b. Feb. 6, 1856; um.
- 42 VII. *Ora C.*, b. June 13, 1860; m., Sept. 30, 1880,

- Carrie L., dau. of George and Elizabeth V. (Hartshorn) Lovering.
- 43 VIII. *Anna M.*, b. Dec. 11, 1864.
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- (19) GEORGE F. MASON, son of Clark, m. Eunice A. Parker of Nelson. Feb. 12, 1874, while engaged in drawing ice, he slipped from his load, which passed over him, causing his death on the following day. His widow d. June 7, 1874.
- 44 I. *Sarah A.*, b. Nov. 27, 1855; d. March 11, 1878.
- 45 II. Twins. { *Albert Franklin*, b. Dec. 6, 1864.
- 46 III. { *Albin Lucius*, b. Dec. 6, 1864.
- 47 IV. *Ida May*, b. Nov. 13, 1868; resides in Swanzey.
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- 48 CHARLES K. MASON, son of Calvin and Rebecca (Kendall) Mason, b. in Dublin, July 27, 1830; m., June 2, 1852, Adra E., dau. of Jeremiah and Sally (Fisk) Mason, b. in Sullivan, Jan. 26, 1832. She d. March 5, 1861. On the 5th of Sept., 1853, while at work in the mill of Amos E. Perry, at Harrisville, he was caught in a belt by his left arm, which was torn off, making it necessary to amputate at the shoulder-joint. He came to Marl. to reside in the spring of 1859. He was U.S. Assistant Assessor for six years, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace since 1862.
- 49 I. *Ella G.*, b. in Dublin, Aug. 15, 1853; m., Oct. 9, 1871, M. W. Andrews, b. in Gloucester, Mass., July 25, 1845; resides in Swampscott, Mass.
- 50 I. Herbert W., b. in Swampscott, Mass., March 25, 1875.
- 51 II. *Ada S.*, b. in Sullivan, Oct. 9, 1856; m., Sept. 29, 1875, William T. Dort, b. in Keene, July 25, 1852; resides in Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Mr. Mason m. (2d), Nov. 27, 1862, Mrs. Elizabeth H. (Andrews) Bassett, dau. of Malachi and Elizabeth (Herrick) Andrews of Gloucester, widow of Rev. Warren A. Bassett, b. Feb. 5, 1838.
- 52 III. *Arthur Ellery*, b. in Marl., Apr. 7, 1865.
- 53 IV. *Adra R.*, b. in Marl., Dec. 10, 1868.
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- 54 STEPHEN SPAULDING MASON, son of Samuel and Anna (Kendall) Mason of Dublin, b. June 8, 1821; m., Sept. 20, 1846, Lucy Ann, dau. of Charles and Lucy (White) Collister. They settled first in Dublin; removed to Marl. in 1869. His wife d. Jan. 13, 1875. He d. Dec. 16, 1878. Children all b. in Dublin.

- 55 i. *Hartley D.*, b. July 23, 1847; m., Oct., 1872,
Eliza Bean.
- 56 1. Willie H., b. March 3, 1874.
- 57 II. { *Orson L.*, b. Aug. 1, 1849; m., July 4,
1874, Martha F., dau. of Isaac and
Fannie (Hemenway) Starkey.
- 58 1. Gertrude R., b. March 31, 1879.
- 59 III. Twins. { *Orin L.*, b. Aug. 1, 1849; m., July 4,
1872, Susan M. Palmer; d. Dec. 28,
1875. She m. (2d), June 26, 1878,
Melbern A. Wood.
- 60 1. Gracie Ann, b. Nov. 17, 1875.
- 61 iv. *Ella E.*, b. Aug. 1, 1851; m., Oct. 26, 1871,
William H. Reyoum; resides in Keene.
- 62 v. *Lettie A.*, b. Aug. 29, 1853; m., July 4, 1874,
Edwin Hall of Hancock. He d. Nov., 1874.
- 63 vi. *Willie F.*, b. Dec. 1, 1855. Oct. 20, 1870, he was
caught on a shaft in the wooden-ware shop of
W. W. & J. M. Richardson, and instantly killed.
- 64 vii. *Eddie C.*, b. Feb. 23, 1858.
- 65 viii. *Myrtie E.*, b. Aug. 23, 1860.
- 66 ix. *Orley S.*, b. Oct. 29, 1862.
- 67 x. *Fred S.*, b. Feb. 15, 1865.
- 68 xi. *Bertie C.*, b. July 8, 1867.

69 ELLIJAH WILLARD MASON, son of Samuel and Anna
(Kendall) Mason of Dublin, b. Nov. 23, 1825; m., Apr.
11, 1850, Clarissa Cobb of Maine, b. Apr. 22, 1824.
Came to Marl. in 1867, where they now reside.

- 70 i. *Warren C.*, b. in Dublin, Jan. 17, 1851; m., 1872,
Azubah M. Whitney of Keene; resides in Troy.
- 71 1. Waldo J., b. March 25, 1877; d. Nov. 19,
1877.
- 72 2. Edith M., b. Nov. 7, 1878; d. May 6,
1879.
- 73 II. *Charles S.*, b. Aug. 8, 1853; m., Nov. 26, 1879,
Mrs. Ednah M. Robertson.
- 74 III. *Joseph P.*, b. in Nelson, Dec. 11, 1855; m., June
10, 1875, Lizzie M. Rollins.
- 75 1. Everett, b. Nov. 2, 1876.
- 76 2. Lena May, b. Jan. 20, 1879.
- 77 3. Bertha Lizzie, b. Dec. 11, 1880.
- 78 iv. *Jessie A.*, b. in Dublin, Aug. 13, 1857; m., May
18, 1878, Frank O. Rollins.

- 79 v. *Abbie K.*, b. Nov. 13, 1860.
- 80 vi. *Frank E.*, b. in Dublin, May 13, 1862.
- 81 vii. *Clara Belle*, b. in Dublin, March 20, 1866.
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- 82 MERRILL MASON, son of Capt. Samuel and Mary (Willard) Mason, b. in Dublin, Sept. 9, 1816; m., Apr. 13, 1841, Mary Eliza, dau. of Abner and Betsey (Herrick) Russell, who d. Dec. 17, 1849.
- 83 i. *Carrie Emelia*, b. Apr. 13, 1842; d. Nov. 11, 1849.
- 84 ii. *Martin M.*, b. Oct. 8, 1843; m., Nov. 28, 1867, Jennie I., dau. of Levi and Irene (Knight) Willard, b. in Dublin, Feb. 11, 1850; resides in West Harrisville.
- 85 iii. *Mary E.*, b. Jan. 13, 1845; d. Apr. 11, 1845.
- Mr. Mason m. (2d), Apr. 24, 1850, Harriet M., dau. of Henry and Lydia (Dodge) Herrick of Reading, Vt., b. Dec. 27, 1824.
- 86 iv. *Eliza E.*, b. June 8, 1851; um.
- 87 v. *Charles E.*, b. Apr. 3, 1853; um.
- 88 vi. *Henry H.*, b. Nov. 1, 1855; resides in California.
- 89 vii. *Hattie L.*, b. June 24, 1858; d. Aug. 13, 1864.
- 90 viii. *Samuel*, b. May 19, 1862.
- 91 ix. *Merrill*, b. June 2, 1865.
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- 92 LEVI F. MASON, son of Jeremiah and Sally (Fisk) Mason, b. in Sullivan, Sept. 16, 1819; m., June 5, 1844, Elizabeth F. Hubbard, b. in Sullivan, Dec. 12, 1821, d. Apr. 5, 1855; and he m. (2d), Oct. 28, 1856, Annette Merrill, b. in Hopkinton, June 28, 1831. He came to Marl. to reside in 1871. Children by first wife.
- 93 i. *Almon C.*, b. in Sullivan, Feb. 27, 1849; m., Sept. 6, 1871, Leola M., dau. of Daniel M. and Ursula (Stone) Burpee, b. in Manchester, July 19, 1851.
- 94 1. Everett S., b. July 19, 1872.
- 95 2. Essie G., b. May 21, 1875.
- 96 3. Eugene F., b. July 10, 1878.
- 97 ii. *Leston E.*, b. in Sullivan, Apr. 28, 1853; resides in Keene.
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- 98 CHARLES MASON, son of Capt. Rufus and Prudence (Woods) Mason, b. in Sullivan, June 28, 1816; m., March 22, 1841, Amanda, dau. of Joseph and Nancy (Heaton) Seward, b. in Sullivan, Dec. 27, 1819, d. Dec. 24, 1857. Mr. Mason represented the town of Sullivan in the Legislature in 1869 and 1870, served as one of the selectmen

several terms, and also held various other offices in that town, both civil and military. He came to Marl. to reside, June 14, 1877.

- 99 i. *Ann Amanda*, b. July 20, 1843; d. Aug. 10, 1859.
100 ii. *Charles Henry*, b. Apr. 24, 1847; d. March 4, 1868.

Mr. Mason m. (2d), Feb. 23, 1860, Ellen P., dau. of Joseph and Sarah D. (Parker) Joslin, b. in East Jaffrey, Aug. 19, 1836.

- 101 iii. *Joseph Henry*, b. June 26, 1866.

1 LEVI MATTHEWS, son of Solomon and Prudence (Holbrook) Matthews, b. in Swanzey, Oct. 16, 1807; m., Jan. 3, 1833, Lucy, dau. of Francis and Azubah (Farnsworth) Bowman, b. in Henniker, Sept. 8, 1805. He resided for a few years in Marl. on the place now owned by Curtis W. Capron. He d. July 28, 1861, in Swanzey. His wife d. Aug. 30, 1846.

2 i. *Maria Antoinette*, b. Nov. 24, 1833; d. March, 1837.

3 ii. *Anna Agenora*, b. May 26, 1835; m., July 28, 1857, Charles H. Woods, b. in Henniker, March 10, 1831; d. Oct. 1, 1869.

4 1. David Perkins, b. in Henniker, March 5, 1861.

5 2. Charles Edwin, b. in Henniker, April 23, 1863.

6 3. Susan Maria, b. in Marl., July 1, 1865.

7 iii. *Helen Maria*, b. March 11, 1837; m. (1st), Dec. 10, 1855, Daniel W. Smith of Henniker, who d. July 28, 1859.

8 1. Minnie N., b. Aug. 16, 1863; d. Dec. 29, 1867.

(2d), June 22, 1862, Moses O. Bean of Haverhill, Mass.; (3d), April 16, 1879, John M. Farnsworth of Fitchburg.

9 iv. *Edwin Bowman*, b. Dec. 24, 1838.†

10 v. *Effie Ann*, b. in Marl., Aug. 30, 1841; m., Sept. 8, 1861, George G. Jones of Dracut, Mass.

11 1. Lucy M., b. April 23, 1864.

(9) EDWIN B. MATTHEWS, son of Levi, m., Jan. 24, 1860, Mary L., dau. of Joseph and Eunice (Lowell) Collins.

12 i. *Hattie E.*, b. Apr. 29, 1861.

- 13 ii. *Birdie E.*, b. Feb. 12, 1867; d. March 13, 1867.
 14 iii. *Herbert Leon*, b. Jan. 21, 1873.
 15 iv. *Lula G.*, b. June 21, 1877.

MAYNARD.

JOHN MAYNARD, with one son, John, came from England, and in 1638 was found in Sudbury, Mass. John, Jr., b. in England, 1630, m., Apr. 5, 1658, Mary, dau. of Stephen and Ann Gates; and settled in Marlboro, Mass., where he d. Dec. 22, 1711. His son, John, b. Jan. 7, 1661, m. Lydia, dau. of Richard Ward of Sudbury. He d. March 15, 1731, and she d. Jan. 10, 1740. Daniel, son of John and Lydia (Ward) Maynard, b. March 16, 1692, m., Feb. 20, 1735, Mary, dau. of Nathaniel and Mary (Holloway) Oaks, b. March 31, 1710, d. Apr. 4, 1805. He d. Jan. 1, 1760. Their son, Jedediah, is No. 1 in the following register.

David, another son of John and Mary, (Gates) Maynard, b. Dec. 21, 1669, m. Hannah Wait. He d. 1757. His son, Jotham, b. May 29, 1714, lived in Bolton, Mass.; m., 1740, Abigail Allen. His eldest son, Jotham, b. March 14, 1714, resided in Berlin, Mass., where he d. 1788. One of his sons, Antipas, b. in Bolton, Apr. 27, 1776, m., Aug. 14, 1797, Sally Rice of Berlin. Their son, Asa, is numbered 5, in the following register.

1 JEDEDIAH MAYNARD, son of Daniel and Mary (Oaks) Maynard, b. in Marlboro, Mass., Jan. 15, 1745; m., July 13, 1765, Susanna Rogers. He came to this town in 1767, purchased a lot of land which comprises the farm known as the Artie Collins place, now owned by Ivory E. Gates, where he built the first framed house in the township. On the evening of the day on which he moved into this house, a terrific thunder-storm swept over the place, the lightning struck the chimney, and, coming down into the fireplace, scattered the fire and ashes in all directions, greatly terrifying Mr. Maynard and his family, but fortunately no damage was done. He remained in town but a few years, and then returned to his native place.

- 2 i. *Daniel*, b. in Marlboro, Mass., July 21, 1765.
 3 ii. *Lockhart*, bap. Sept. 1, 1771.
 4 iii. *Zeba*, bap. Aug. 16, 1772.

5 ASA MAYNARD, son of Antipas and Sally (Rice) Maynard, b. in Sullivan, Aug. 14, 1804; m., June 4, 1828, Rhoda Thompson, b. in Swanzey, Sept. 6, 1804; resided in Keene and Orange, Mass. He came to Marl. in 1846, and purchased the tavern-stand of Robert Carpenter, where he kept one of the best public-houses in the State. This he sold to George Thatcher, and returned to Orange. After a short residence there, he removed to Keene, where he d. Sept. 6, 1872. His widow still resides in Keene. He was deacon of the Congregational Church in Keene, and was a man universally respected.

- 6 i. *Zilpha Elizabeth*, b. in Keene, Aug. 30, 1829; m., July 25, 1849, Damon C. Cheney of Orange. She d. June 16, 1867.
- 7 ii. *Jesse Thompson*, b. in Keene, Apr. 18, 1831; m., Feb., 1868, Maria Harvey of Brooklyn, N.Y. Resides in Memphis, Tenn.
- 8 iii. *Sarah E.*, b. in Keene, May 15, 1833; m., June 3, 1857, H. H. Davis of Hancock; resides in Salem, Mass.
- 9 iv. *George Asa*, b. in Keene, June 4, 1835; m., Dec. 30, 1864, Julia Snow of Somerset, Vt.; resides in Orange, Mass.
- 10 v. *Anna*, b. in Marl., Dec. 18, 1848; m., Aug., 1867, Samuel G. Lyman; resides in Millville, Mass.

11 MOSES MAYNARD (genealogy not traced), m., Dec. 21, 1808, Olive, dau. of John and Mary (Frye) Tozer. He is supposed to be the first to settle on the place where Jairus Collins now resides. It is not known what became of him. He left home one morning, saying he was going to mill, and never returned. Eight years after, his wife m. the eccentric John Houghton of Roxbury, and d. April 1, 1839.

- 12 i. *Maria*, b. March 27, 1809.
- 13 ii. *Abigail*, b. Dec. 8, 1810.
- 14 iii. *John*, b. Nov. 25, 1814.
- 15 iv. *Moses*, b. May 15, 1817.

1 BENJAMIN MAYO came from Princeton, Mass., in 1794, and settled on what is still known as the Mayo place, about one-fourth of a mile west of the farm formerly owned by Silas Collins. He resided in town but a few years. The following children were b. in Marl.:—

- 2 i. *Sally*, b. Feb. 20, 1794.
- 3 ii. *Hannah*, b. July 2, 1796.
- 4 iii. *Benjamin*, b. Sept. 28, 1798.

McALISTER. McCOLLESTER. COLLESTER.

The McAlister family of this town originated in the following way. During the colonial difficulties, two brothers, John and Samuel, Scotch by birth, were captured and held as prisoners for some time; and when they were set free, instead of returning to their native country, they settled in Dorchester. The descendants of John turned their course to Maine, while those of Samuel came to New Hampshire and Vermont. From this branch, of course, have sprung all whose record is given in these pages. For many years, they spelled their name McAlister; afterwards, by local custom, it was changed to McCollester, and was so written many years. About the time of the French war, it changed again, dropping the Mc, and writing it Collester. For the last thirty years, the Mc has been restored by a portion of the family.

- 1 ISAAC McALISTER, b. Sept. 25, 1736; m. Hannah, dau. of William and Keziah (Cloyes) Goddard, b. Jan. 27, 1736. He was one of the proprietors of Monadnock, No. V., and as such he took an active part in the affairs of the town; and it is said that he rendered assistance in the survey of the township, and for his services took his pay in land. His name appears on the proprietors' book as one of a committee of three to lay out and clear a road from Dublin to Keene in 1763. He was the second settler in town, removing his family here in the winter of 1764-65. He first located on the farm now owned by Ansel Nye. But it seems he was not contented with this location, and sold his farm to Jonathan Frost, taking his pay in Continental money. It was his intention to purchase the Converse place, now owned in part by Rev. S. H. McCollester; but in this he was disappointed, and, before an opportunity presented itself for him to buy, his money so depreciated that he became penniless, and was obliged to clear up and settle his only remaining lot, which is now known as the Sawyer place, and owned at the present time by Abraham Corey, then considered worthless. Here he continued to reside until his death June 8, 1809. His widow d. March 3, 1814.
- 2 i. *Reuben*, b. Dec. 9, 1758; m. Jennie McBride; d. in Windsor, Vt.
- 3 ii. *Hannah*, b. June 9, 1760; m. John Wright of Swanzey.
- 4 iii. *Lucy*, b. Sept. 12, 1761; m. Elijah Graves of Swanzey.
- 5 iv. *Molly*, b. March 30, 1763; m. Benjamin Parker; lived and d. in Windsor, Vt.
- 6 v. *Dolty*, b. Feb. 12, 1765; m. Asa Belding; d. in Vermont. She was the first child b. in Monadnock, No. V.
- 7 vi. *Samuel*, b. March 24, 1767.+
- 8 vii. *Isaac*, b. Apr. 8, 1769; d. in South America.
- 9 viii. *Lydia*, b. May 8, 1771; m. Daniel Cummings, *q.v.*
- 10 ix. *Levi*, b. Jan. 13, 1773.
- 11 x. *Keziah*, b. Dec. 1, 1774; m. Josiah Woodward; d. July 31, 1810.
- 12 xi. *Zadock*, b. Sept. 23, 1779; d. Apr. 10, 1785.
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- (7) SAMUEL MCCOLLESTER, son of Isaac, m. Silence, dau. of Ebenezer and Silence (Winch) Belknap; settled on home farm; d. June, 14, 1848. His widow d. Feb. 4, 1854.
- 13 i. *Eben B.*, b. June 5, 1789.+
- 14 ii. *Luther*, b. Sept. 9, 1791; d. Feb. 13, 1795.

- 15 III. *Charles*, b. Jan. 9, 1794. +
 16 IV. *Silas*, b. June 5, 1796. +
 17 V. *Levi*, b. Oct. 21, 1798; d. July 21, 1821.
 18 VI. *Luther*, b. March 31, 1801; d. Sept. 27, 1805.
 19 VII. *Samuel*, b. Dec. 24, 1803; d. Sept. 22, 1805.
 20 VIII. *Rozana*, b. March 15, 1807; m. (1st) Eli Bemis of Dublin, who d. Sept. 9, 1833; and she m. (2d) Jason Phelps of Dublin. She d. March 4, 1840.
 21 IX. *Ira*, b. Oct. 17, 1809; d. May 12, 1813.
 22 X. *Almira*, b. Aug. 23, 1812; d. Aug. 1, 1815.
 23 XI. *Osgood*, b. Feb. 12, 1815; m. Martha, dau. of Daniel Buttrick; d. at Worcester, Feb. 26, 1873.

- (13) EBEN B. COLLESTER, son of Samuel, m., 1811, Rebecca, dau. of Phinehas and Hannah (Rowell) Gleason of Dublin; d. Nov. 9, 1833, and his widow d. May 24, 1837.
 24 I. *Keziah*, b. 1812; m., 1839, Benjamin H. Rugg of Gardner, Mass.; d. 1869.
 25 II. *Thorley*, b. 1814. +
 26 III. *Laura*, b. 1816; d. 1833, um.
 27 IV. *Almira B.*, b. 1818; m., 1835, Leander Felt of Sullivan; d. in Winchester, 1876.
 28 V. *Eliza G.*, b. 1821; d. 1834.
 29 VI. *Maro*, b. 1823; m., 1848, Lucy Temple of Gardner, Mass., where he now resides.
 30 VII. *Silence R.*, b. 1827; m., 1846, Luther B. Walker of Gardner; d. in Fitchburg, 1866.

- (15) CHARLES COLLESTER, son of Samuel, m., Jan. 19, 1820, Lucy, dau. of Enoch and Hannah (Hale) White; and resided for many years on the farm now owned by David McIntire. He d. Feb. 3, 1845. His widow resides in Peterboro.
 31 I. *Levi G.*, b. Nov. 4, 1820; m., May 28, 1842, Lucy Dunton.
 32 II. *Harriet*, b. Apr. 22, 1822; m., Nov. 10, 1841, Edwin O. Ellenwood.
 33 III. *Lucy Ann*, b. Sept. 22, 1826; m. Stephen S. Mason, *q.v.*
 34 IV. *Laura K.*, b. Feb. 19, 1834; m., March 31, 1858, Elmer J. Starkey; resides in Peterboro.
 35 V. *Cynthia A.*, b. Nov. 18, 1835; d. Jan. 20, 1837.
 36 VI. *Charles O.*, b. Feb. 27, 1838; m., May 14, 1859, Mary E. Blood; d. in the army.
 37 VII. Twins. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{George O.}, \text{ b. Feb. 27, 1838; m., Apr. 18, 1858, Sarah C., dau. of Josiah and Lucretia (Herrick) Fitch; resides in West Harrisville.} \end{array} \right.$

- 38 VIII. *Edwin D.*, b. July 13, 1841; d. Oct. 5, 1862.
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- (16) SILAS MCCOLLESTER, son of Samuel, m. Achsah, dau. of Charles and Relief (Sawyer) Holman; resided for many years on the farm now owned by his son, Rev. S. H. McCollester, where he d. Dec. 26, 1873.
- 39 I. *Mary H.*, b. Nov. 18, 1820; m. Augustus Southwick, *q.v.*
- 40 II. *Samuel*, b. Jan. 2, 1822; d. Oct. 27, 1832.
- 41 III. *Relief S.*, b. Oct. 23, 1823; m. Amos B. Tenney, *q.v.*
- 42 IV. *Sullivan H.*, b. Dec. 18, 1826.+
- 43 V. *Oliver H.*, b. Oct. 20, 1828; d. July 2, 1832.
- 44 VI. *John Quincy Adams*, b. May 3, 1831; m. (1st) Sarah Hazen. She d., and he m. (2d) Georgianna Hunt. Is a physician; resides at Ayer Junction, Mass. (See Chap. XIII.)
- 45 VII. *Caroline R.*, b. Feb. 4, 1833; m. Harvey D. Farrar; d. Oct. 8, 1854.
- 46 VIII. *Orrilla G.*, b. Oct. 19, 1834; m., Nov. 9, 1853, T. L. Barker of Fitchburg; resides in Waltham, Mass.
- 47 IX. *Sumner L.*, b. Nov. 2, 1836.+
- 48 X. *Elizabeth*, b. March 21, 1839; m., Jan. 1, 1862, William M. Clapp; d. May 7, 1864.
- 49 XI. *Ellen A.*, b. Feb. 14, 1842; m., Jan. 1, 1862, Harvey D. Farrar; resides at Carthage, N.Y.
- 50 XII. *Louisa A.*, b. Oct. 10, 1844; m., May 4, 1862, Thomas B. Flint; d. Oct. 6, 1865.
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- (25) THORLEY COLLESTER, son of Eben, m., May 2, 1838, Sarah M. Nims, b. in Sullivan, Nov. 22, 1817, d. Aug. 4, 1842.
- 51 I. *Marquis D. Lafayette*, b. in Marl., Jan. 26, 1839.
- 52 II. *Edward E.*, b. in Marl., 1841; d. in infancy.
- Mr. Collester m. (2d), 1845, Abby Whitney, and removed to Gardner, Mass., where he was engaged in the manufacture of chairs. He held various town offices, was a Justice of the Peace, and representative to the General Court. He d. Apr., 1864.
- 53 III. *Eugene B.*, graduated at Amherst College 1873; m., 1875, Sarah Holland of New London, Ct. He was principal of the High School in that place, 1878.
- 54 IV. *Laura M.*, b. 1849; m., 1875, Orange Whitney of Ashburnham.
- 55 V. *Frank M.*, b. 1855; graduated at Amherst Col-

lege 1877. He was principal of the High School in Gardner, 1878.

- (42) REV. S. H. McCOLLESTER, son of Silas, m., Nov. 23, 1852, Sophia F., dau. of Joel and Fannie M. (Duncan) Knight, b. in Dummerston, Vt., Oct. 12, 1829. (See Chap. XIII.)
- 56 I. *Eda Sophia*, b. in Dummerston, Vt., Aug. 21, 1853; d. in Swanzey, Nov. 11, 1856.
- 57 II. *Carrie Knight*, b. in Swanzey, July 8, 1855; d. in Westmoreland, May 23, 1861.
- 58 III. *Sullivan Lee*, b. in Westmoreland, June 5, 1859.
- 59 IV. *Edwin Fay*, b. in Westbrook, Me., June 14, 1863; d. Nov. 14, 1864.

- (47) SUMNER L. McCOLLESTER, son of Silas, m., Dec. 23, 1860, Marcella L., dau. of Ebenezer and Lucy (Smith) Greenwood. She d. in Marl., Jan. 10, 1875; and he removed to North Lawrence, N.Y., where he now resides. He m. (2d) Martha Kenahan, who d. Aug., 1878; and he m. (3d) Hannah Connolly of North Lawrence. Children by first wife.

- 60 I. *Winfield Sumner*, b. May 31, 1861.
- 61 II. *Lizzie Louisa*, b. March 26, 1867; d. Feb. 11, 1873.
- 62 III. *Mabel Marcella*, b. May 15, 1874; d. Aug. 8, 1875.

- 63 ROYCE McCOLLESTER, perhaps a grandson of Isaac, m., May 16, 1798, Beulah White, probably a sister of Enoch White. He resided for some years in Marl., then removed to Keene.

- 64 I. *Loring*, b. in Marl., Oct. 20, 1798.
- 65 II. *Ira*, b. in Marl., May 22, 1800.
- 66 III. *Betsey*, b. in Keene, July 8, 1801.

- 1 DAVID McINTIRE, son of David and Eunice (Burnap) McIntire, b. in Sullivan, June 15, 1811; m., Apr. 21, 1842, Betsey, dau. of Josiah and Sophia (Griffin) Parker, b. in Nelson, May 16, 1818. He settled in Nelson, where he was a prosperous farmer, and was one of the board of selectmen of that town for several years. He removed to Marl. in 1864, where he now resides.

- 2 I. *Hannah E.* (adopted dau.), b. Nov. 18, 1844; m. Warren W. Richardson, *q.v.*

- 3 ELBRIDGE McINTIRE, a brother of David, b. in Sulli-

van, Apr. 11, 1816; m. Mary Taylor, b. in Stoddard, Sept. 22, 1822. He d. in Lowell, Feb. 25, 1872. His widow, with her family, came to Marl. to reside in 1874.

- 4 I. *Rosaline M.*, b. in Stoddard, Feb. 11, 1844; d. in Lowell, March 28, 1860.
- 5 II. *Frank H.*, b. in Lowell, June 8, 1852; m., June 26, 1875, Anna M., adopted dau. of Charles and Arvilla (Farrar) Ryan.
- 6 1. Rosie M., b. Apr. 25, 1879.
- 7 III. *Fred. E.*, b. in Lowell, May 23, 1862.

- 1 JOHN McROY, b. in Ballygawley, Ireland, March 12, 1828; m., March 22, 1852, Emeline A., dau. of Lorenzo and Arvilla (Converse) White.
- 2 I. *Mary J.*, b. in Troy, Feb. 13, 1854; m., Sept. 21, 1871, Milan W. Blanchard.
- 3 II. *Edward*, b. in Marl., Oct. 10, 1857; m., Apr. 2, 1878, Jennette Simmons; resides in Killingly, Conn.
- 4 III. *Weston*, b. in Marl., Dec. 4, 1859.
- 5 IV. *Florence*, b. in Marl., Sept. 24, 1861.

- 1 BENJAMIN F. MERRIAM, son of Zadock and Sally (Snow) Merriam, b. in Washington, N.H., Aug. 5, 1826; m., June 26, 1851, Sarah W., dau. of Joseph and Azubah (Munroe) Tubbs. He came to Marl. to reside in 1873, and is engaged in the stove and tin business. His wife d. March 1, 1879. His parents came to Marl. and resided with him. His father was b. in Mason, Apr. 16, 1792, and d. in Marl., Nov. 11, 1879. His mother was b. in Jaffrey, June 22, 1789, and d. in Marl., Nov. 20, 1873.
- 2 I. *Frank Irving*, b. in Peterboro, Aug. 3, 1852; m., June 17, 1874, Lucy M., dau. of Samuel and Huldah (Brooks) Jones.
- 3 1. Laura Mabell, b. May 13, 1875.
- 4 II. *Joseph Sumner*, b. in Peterboro, March 17, 1854; m., Nov. 18, 1880, Ella L., dau. of George W. and Sylvania P. (Esty) White.
- 5 III. *Maria Louisa*, b. in Peterboro, March 16, 1857; d. in Marl., Oct. 8, 1873.
- 6 IV. *Sarah Anna*, b. in Peterboro, May 3, 1859; d. May 22, 1859.
- 7 V. *Mary Annabell*, b. in Marlow, June 26, 1860; d. in Winchester, Feb. 11, 1865.
- 8 VI. *Rosa Tubbs*, b. in Marlow, June 20, 1862; d. in Winchester, Jan. 25, 1865.
- 9 VII. *Henry Zadock*, b. in Winchester, July 14, 1865.

- 1 JOHN LEVERETT MERRILL (Rev.), son of Abel Kimball and Mary (Leverett) Merrill, b. in Haverhill, N.H., May 24, 1833; m., Sept. 11, 1860, Mary Louisa Murphy. He came to Marl., April, 1870, and was installed pastor of the Congregational Church May 2, 1871. (See Chap. VI.)
- 2 I. *Minnie Leverett*, b. June 18, 1862.
- 3 II. *Annie Clarkson*, b. Dec. 20, 1867; d. July, 1868.
- 4 III. *Charles Clarkson*, b. in Marl., March 3, 1872.
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- 1 ASA METCALF, son of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Dill) Metcalf, b. at Greenbush, N.Y., about 1738; m. Mehitable Upham of Hubbardston, Mass. Came to Marl. to reside in 1788. His father was a native of Wales, and on his arrival in this country settled at Greenbush, from which place he entered the service in the time of the French and Indian war, and was shot by Indians in ambush at Flat Rock, while on his return from the army. Asa Metcalf resided on several different farms in the north part of the town. He d. in Marl., Sept. 2, 1826; and his widow d. at Fort Ann, N.Y., in 1829.
- 2 I. *Mehitable*, m. Jonathan Polley of Fort Ann; d. at Fort Edward, N.Y.
- 3 II. *Nathaniel*, m., March 25, 1813, Hannah, dau. of Robert Worsley; removed to Barry, Ill., where he d. Oct. 25, 1853. His wife d. Aug., 1835.
- 4 1. Chauncy.
- 5 2. Loren.
- 6 3. Franklin.
- 7 4. Rosina.
- 8 5. Upham, d. Aug. 18, 1841.
- 9 6. Abigail.
- 10 III. *Rebecca*, m. Thomas White, *q.v.*
- 11 IV. *Alfred*, m. (1st) Sophia Weston, (2d) Ann Adams. He was a Methodist minister. (See Chap. XIII.)
- 12 V. *Asa*, m., Feb. 23, 1813, Sally, dau. of Jonathan Russell. He d. Aug. 28, 1820; and his widow d. Nov., 1844.
- 13 1. Roxanna, m. Richard Davis; resided in Cambridge, Mass.
- 14 2. Calvin, m. Mary Manning of Fort Ann, N.Y.; resides at Fort Edward, N.Y.
- 15 3. Elcenna, m. Aaron Darling of Swanzey; resides at Stony Brook, Mass.
- 16 VI. *Daniel*, m. Eunice Shannon of Nelson; d. at Fort Ann, N.Y., March 12, 1826.

- 17 THADDEUS METCALF, son of Thaddeus and Almira (Rand) Metcalf, b. in Granby, Vt., March 29, 1826, came to Marl. to reside in the spring of 1845; m., Apr. 18, 1848, Eliza H., dau. of John and Lovisa (Converse) Buss. Mr. Metcalf is a blacksmith and machinist, and has worked at that business the greater part of the time he has resided in town.
- 18 I. *Alice L.*, b. Dec. 26, 1854; m. Albert S. Bigelow, *q.v.*
- 19 II. *Walter L.*, b. March 5, 1859; is a printer; resides in Marl., um.
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- 20 GEORGE A. METCALF, son of George and Abbie (Stone) Metcalf, b. in Keene, Feb. 11, 1842; m. Iola S., dau. of Henry C. and Fidelia (Twitchell) Taggart. He removed from Harrisville to Marl. 1869.
- 21 I. *Minnie L.*, b. in Harrisville, Dec. 7, 1866.
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- 1 LAWSON MOORE, b. in Marlboro, Mass., about 1758; m., June, 1784, Lydia Goodenow of Framingham, Mass. (She is supposed to be a dau. of Daniel Goodenow, one of the early settlers of this town.) He came to Marl. in 1788, in company with his brother Thomas, and located on the farm now owned by William C. Mason. In his old age, he was afflicted with a white swelling on one of his knees, which soon rendered the amputation of his leg necessary. He d. Dec. 20, 1847.
- 2 I. *Lydia*, b. May 10, 1786; m. (1st) Hugh Mason, *q.v.*; (2d) Ebenezer Coburn.
- 3 II. *Lawson*, b. Dec. 12, 1791; m. Hannah Blodgett of Swanzey; settled in Swanzey, where he d.
- 4 III. *William*, b. May 21, 1798; removed to the West.
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- 5 THOMAS MOORE, a brother of Lawson, b. in Marlboro, Mass., March, 1760; m., March 1, 1786, Mary Gibson, b. March, 1758; came to Marl. 1788, where he resided till 1794, when he removed to Fitzwilliam, where he d. Dec. 13, 1837.
- 6 I. *David*, b. Aug. 23, 1789; m. Joanna Prescott of Fitzwilliam; settled in Royalston, Mass., where he resided about thirty-five years, and then removed to Fitzwilliam, where he d. Oct. 3, 1866.
- 7 II. *Rebecca*, b. Oct. 14, 1791; m. David Heaton of Keene; d. June 7, 1838.
- 8 III. *Josiah*, b. in Fitzwilliam, Dec. 13, 1795; m. Martha Haskell of Fitzwilliam.
- 9 IV. *Polly*, b. in Fitzwilliam, July 18, 1797; m. John Leathe of Royalston, Mass., where she now resides.

- 1 LUKE MOORS, son of John and Hannah (Fitch) Moors, b. in Sharon, N.H., March 29, 1796; m., March 11, 1824, Mary, dau. of Bezaleel and Abigail (Wood) Baker; settled first in Jaffrey, but came to Marl. to reside in the spring of 1845, and located on the Baker farm. He was killed at the raising of a shed on the Alger place, Apr. 25, 1846. Children b. in Jaffrey.
- 2 i. *Loren L.*, b. May 20, 1831; m., Sept. 7, 1854, Emily, dau. of Dea. James and Roxanna (Frost) Farrar; resides in Leominster, Mass. He enlisted into the United States service in the band of the 1st Mass. Reg., June 1, 1861; and was discharged July 27, 1862.
- 3 1. Emma M., b. May 2, 1857.
- 4 2. Clifford Loren, b. Aug. 22, 1860; d. Feb. 28, 1861.
- 5 ii. *Cyrus Sidney*, b. July 5, 1832; m. (1st), Sept. 7, 1854, Caroline A., dau. of Dea. James and Roxanna (Frost) Farrar.
- 6 1. Fred Sidney, b. Nov. 1, 1856; m., Jan. 1, 1877, Mary A., dau. of Charles B. and Sarah J. (Hancock) Hall of Walpole, b. Apr. 23, 1854. He is station-agent on the Monadnock R.R. at Peterboro, N.H. They have one child, Charles Ernest, b. in Marl., Oct. 12, 1878.
- 7 2. Lizzie C., b. Feb. 22, 1860.
- 8 3. Albert Loren, b. Oct. 13, 1865; resides in Leominster, Mass.
- Mrs. Moors d. March 14, 1866; and he m. (2d) Apr. 9, 1867, Harriet (Frost) Harrington. He is post-master and station-agent at the Marlboro station, on the Cheshire R.R.

- 1 REUBEN MORSE, son of Reuben and Betsey (Hayward) Morse, was b. in Sullivan, March 23, 1805. His great-grandfather, Thomas Morse, was b. in Sherborn, Dec. 5, 1709, m. Mary Treadway of Framingham. He moved to Dublin about 1762, and was the first permanent settler in that town. Reuben Morse m., and settled in Sullivan. His wife d.; and he m., Nov. 24, 1840, Melinda A., dau. of Capt. John and Mary (Livingstone) Lane, and, after residing a short time in Sullivan, came to Marl., and purchased the Lane farm, now owned by George Lovering, where he resided until a few years since, when he removed to Troy.
- 2 i. *Rose U.*, b. Sept. 9, 1842; m., Apr. 29, 1869, Ira W. Ellis; resides in Ashland, Mass.

- 3 1. Leslie E., b. Sept. 24, 1872.
 4 2. Edith M., b. July 7, 1874.
- 5 II. *Ellen M.*, b. Jan. 18, 1845; m., Apr. 5, 1873,
 George N. Parmenter; resides in Sudbury, Mass.
 6 III. *Mary L.*, b. Apr. 17, 1847; m., March 29, 1871,
 Charles P. Ellis; resides in Leominster, Mass.
- 7 1. George S., b. Dec., 1873.
- 8 IV. *Sarah F.*, b. May 13, 1849; m., March 14, 1872,
 Alfred G. Lawrence of Troy; d. in Troy, Aug.
 3, 1878.
- 9 V. *George R.*, b. Dec. 31, 1851; killed by the acci-
 dental discharge of a gun, Apr. 6, 1863.
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- 10 JOHN MORSE, son of Ezra and Agnes (Swan) Morse,
 b. in Dublin, Dec. 5, 1779; m., Apr. 25, 1816, Hannah
 Wallingsford, who d. June, 1851. He resided for many
 years on the farm now owned by Isaac W. Holbrook,
 where he d. March 11, 1857. c.
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- 11 GRANVILLE MORSE, son of Peter and Hannah (Glea-
 son) Morse, b. in Dublin, Dec. 7, 1828; came to Marl. to
 reside Apr., 1848; m., June 22, 1852, Achsah A., dau. of
 Elijah and Amoret (Wild) Gates.
- 12 I. *Eva Maria*, b. Nov. 29, 1853; m., Dec. 31, 1873,
 Charles W. Bailey.
- 13 II. *Frank Edward*, b. Sept. 17, 1856; m., Dec. 2,
 1880, Fannie Hopkins of East Douglass, Mass.;
 resides in Worcester.
- 14 III. *Walter Wilds*, b. May 23, 1860.
- 15 IV. *Lucy Emma*, b. March 11, 1862.
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- 1 ZIBA NASON, a carpenter by trade, came from Wal-
 pole, Mass., some time previous to 1800; and settled on
 the farm now owned by George F. Wise. His wife was
 Elizabeth Whittaker, probably from Dedham, Mass.
 She d. March 19, 1819; and he m. (2d) Mrs. Lucy Whit-
 comb of Swanzey. He d. Apr. 7, 1839, æ. 74.
- 2 I. *Betsey*, b. June 9, 1788.
- 3 II. *Charlotte*, b. Feb. 15, 1790; m., June 27, 1816,
 Ephraim Shepherd of Foxboro, Mass.
- 4 III. *Jemima*, b. Feb. 17, 1792; m., Feb. 1, 1822, Lor-
 ing C. Shaw of Foxboro, Mass.
- 5 IV. *Ziba*, b. March 3, 1794. +
- 6 V. *James*, b. Apr. 27, 1796. +
- 7 VI. *Lewis*, b. Apr. 3, 1798; removed to New York.
- 8 VII. *Alvin*, b. Apr. 3, 1800; m., Aug. 6, 1823, Phebe
 Whitcomb of Swanzey. He d. March 10, 1866.

- 9 VIII. *William*, b. March 1, 1802; d. Oct. 8, 1818.
 10 IX. *Sally*, b. May 21, 1806; m. James Rogers of Walpole, Mass.

(5) ZIBA NASON, son of Ziba, m., Sept. 30, 1817, Eunice, dau. of John and Mary (Wood) Buss; settled on that part of the homestead which is now owned by Josiah H. Knight. In 1856, he removed to the village, where he d. Feb. 25, 1857. His widow d. June 3, 1867.

- 11 I. *Harriet*, b. Sept. 27, 1818; m. Curtis F. Hunt, *q.v.*
 12 II. *Emily*, b. July 24, 1822; d. Jan. 17, 1830.

- 13 III. *Louisa*, b. June 12, 1826; m. Austin G. Parmenter, *q.v.*

- 14 IV. *William M.*, b. Aug. 7, 1832; m., June 6, 1855, Caroline E., dau. of Luke and Mercy (Bemis) Knowlton. Mr. Nason has been for many years a successful merchant in Marl. He was chosen deacon of the Congregational Church, 1870, and holds that office at the present time.

- 15 1. *Carrie*, b. March 23, 1862; d. Oct. 9, 1862.

Mrs. Carrie Nason d. Apr. 9, 1862; and he m. (2d), Nov. 27, 1862, Sarah A. Knowlton, a sister of his first wife.

- 16 2. *Nellie I.* (adopted dau.), b. March 9, 1866.

(6) JAMES NASON, son of Ziba, m., Jan. 31, 1826, Sarah, dau. of Calvin and Mehitabel (Dodge) Stone; settled on home farm. Mr. Nason was for many years one of our most enterprising business men, and in his early days contributed his share towards building up our beautiful village.

- 17 I. *James*, b. Apr. 5, 1827; m., June 8, 1854, Anna S. Foster of Baltimore, Md.; resides in Plainfield, N.J.

Mrs. Sarah Nason d. June 22, 1827; and he m. (2d), July 10, 1828, Nancy, dau. of Moses and Sally (Banks) Pratt. He d. March 9, 1875.

- 18 II. *Sarah S.*, b. Sept. 18, 1828; m. George F. Wise, *q.v.*

1 JACOB NEWELL came from Attleborough, Mass., about 1769, and located in the south part of the town (now Troy). He m. Hepzibeth Hart of Lynn, Mass., by whom he had six children.

- 2 I. *Jacob*, ———; d. in Pennsylvania.†

- 3 II. *Pearson*, ———; d. in the army.

- 4 III. *James*, ———; removed to Vermont.

- 5 iv. *Reuben*.+
- 6 v. *Sarah*, ———; m. ——— Boyce; removed to the West.
- 7 vi. *Hepzibeth*, ———; d. in Troy.
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- (2) JACOB NEWELL, eldest son of Jacob, m., Jan. 12, 1782, Anna Finney of Richmond; settled in Pennsylvania. Children all b. in Marl.
- 8 i. *Nathan*, b. Nov. 4, 1783; m. Adelia Wheeler.
- 9 ii. *Pearson*, b. June 29, 1785.
- 10 iii. *Urana*, b. Aug. 28, 1786; m., March 4, 1806, John Lawrence of Troy.
- 11 iv. *Martha*, b. Aug. 18, 1788.
- 12 v. *Prudence*, b. July 29, 1790; m. Elijah Harrington; d. in Troy, June 3, 1827.
- 13 vi. *Holton*.
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- (5) REUBEN NEWELL, son of Jacob, m., 1804, Polly, dau. of Nathan Wheeler. He d. in Troy, May 30, 1847. Children b. in Marl. and Troy.
- 14 i. *Stillman*, b. March 7, 1806; m. Lucy Clark.
- 15 ii. *Miranda*, b. 1807; m., Feb. 18, 1841, Sampson Wheeler.
- 16 iii. *Pearson*, b. 1808; perished with cold on board the schooner Hudson, in returning from New York in 1832.
- 17 iv. *Harlow*, b. 1810; m. Mary E. Simons; removed to Wisconsin.
- 18 v. *Mary*, b. 1811; m. Horatio Lawrence of Troy.
- 19 vi. *Eliza*, b. 1817; m. William Whitman of Troy, N.Y.
- 20 vii. *Sarah*, b. 1822; m. Sumner Taylor of Richmond.
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- 21 JAMES NEWELL (not connected with the above family) was b. in Canada, March 17, 1828; came to Marl. in 1848; m., Oct. 1, 1849, Mary, dau. of John and Annie (Lewis) Sargent. She d. March 28, 1852, and he m. (2d), May 17, 1853, Mary Ann, dau. of Noah and Arvilla (Lewis) White. Children by second wife.
- 22 i. *Ellen L.*, b. Aug. 8, 1854; m., Dec. 21, 1871, Ralph F. Turnbull, a brakeman on the Cheshire R.R. He was killed by the cars, Dec. 10, 1872.
- 23 1. Ralph F., b. July 21, 1873; d. Jan. 27, 1875.
- She m. (2d), July 18, 1875, James W. Fleming, who d. Oct. 14, 1876.
- 24 2. Agnes, b. July 3, 1876.

- 25 II. *George E.*, b. June 4, 1856; m., April 3, 1878,
 Laura H. Howard of Gilsum; resides in Surry.
- 26 III. *Fred L.*, b. Dec. 25, 1857; m., Aug. 18, 1880,
 Hattie Griffith of Albany, N.Y., where he now
 resides.
- 27 IV. *Will A.*, b. Apr., 3, 1859.
- 28 V. *Elda L.*, b. May 20, 1860; adopted at the age of
 eight years by Mr. and Mrs. David Woodward
 of Worcester, Mass.
- 29 VI. *Viola*, b. Feb. 4, 1864; adopted by Mr. and Mrs.
 Enoch Bemis; resides in Bethel, Vt.
- 30 VII. *Byrde L.*, b. Dec. 4, 1865.
- 31 VIII. *Lettie A.*, b. May 23, 1867.
- 32 IX. *Eloise I.*, b. Dec. 2, 1868.
- 33 X. *Leon Duane*, b. May 9, 1870.
- 34 XI. *Everett White*, b. Nov. 11, 1871.
- 35 XII. *Kate D.*, b. May 1, 1873.
- 36 XIII. *Italie A.*, b. May 3, 1877.
- 37 XIV. *Faye*, b. Nov., 1878, d. Jan. 2, 1879.
- 38 XV. *Lee*, b. Nov. 16, 1879.

1 ELNATHAN NEWTON came from New Braintree, Mass.,
 in 1771. It is probable, however, that he had not resided
 long in that place, as his family is not mentioned on the
 records of that town, but he is supposed to have emi-
 grated from Southborough, which contained at that time
 many families by the name of Newton. He settled on
 the farm since owned by Moses Putney, in the south-east
 part of the town. He d. Aug. 12, 1792, in the 68th year
 of his age. Jemima, widow of Elnathan, d. Apr. 16,
 1801, æ. 71. Children all b. in Mass.

- 2 I. *Jemima*, b. May 30, 1751.
- 3 II. *Azubah*, b. Feb. 3, 1753.
- 4 III. *Zeneth*, b. Nov. 6, 1755.†
- 5 IV. *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 21, 1756.
- 6 V. *Asahel*, b. Aug. 29, 1758.
- 7 VI. *Joannah*, b. Feb. 4, 1761.
- 8 VII. *Elnathan*, b. March 14, 1764.
- 9 VIII. *Bethiah*, b. Jan. 4, 1767; d. Feb. 18, 1793.
- 10 IX. *Silas*, b. Apr. 9, 1769.

(4) LUKE NEWTON, supposed to be the same as Zeneth,
 who is mentioned as the eldest son of Elnathan and
 Jemima Newton, was b. Nov. 6, 1755. His wife was
 Sally —, b. 1757. He resided on the farm with Elna-
 than, was joint owner with him, and came into full pos-
 session of the place on the death of the latter. He d.
 July 22, 1839. His wife d. Nov. 8, 1826.

- 11 I. *Luke*, b. Apr. 5, 1785.†

- 12 ii. *Sally*, b. May 11, 1789; d. Apr. 26, 1810.
 13 iii. *Mary*, b. May 13, 1793; d. Jan. 6, 1813.
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- (11) LUKE NEWTON, son of Luke, m., Jan. 9, 1806, Susan-
 nah, dau. of Silas Parmenter of Notown, Mass.; settled
 on the home farm. His wife d. Sept. 14, 1827; and he
 d. in Berlin, Mass., Sept. 13, 1859.
- 14 i. *Susannah*, b. Aug. 15, 1806; m., Feb. 14, 1839,
 Jacob Hammond of Jaffrey; d. in Lunenburg,
 Mass., June 21, 1871.
- 15 ii. *Mira*, b. May 17, 1808; d. Aug. 1, 1813.
 16 iii. *Luke*, b. Apr. 24, 1811; d. Aug. 1, 1813.
 17 iv. *Mary*, b. Dec. 30, 1812; d. Dec. 23, 1875.
 18 v. *Luke*, b. Feb. 22, 1815; d. in infancy.
 19 vi. *Sarah*, b. June 7, 1817; d. Sept. 30, 1821.
 20 vii. *Martha*, b. Apr. 17, 1819; d. in infancy.
 21 viii. *Azubah*, b. May 23, 1822; d. July 12, 1827.
 22 ix. *David Alexander*, b. Feb. 8, 1824; m. Jan. 21,
 1849, Lovisa Ellison, b. Jan. 26, 1828; resides
 in Vineland, N.J.; is a contractor and builder,
 also a dealer in lumber, doors, sash, blinds, etc.
- 23 1. Eugene D., b. Nov. 17, 1849.
 24 2. Emma L., b. Sept. 7, 1858.
 25 3. Henry E., b. Apr. 5, 1860; d. May 9, 1860.
 26 4. Clara, b. Feb. 27, 1865.
 27 x. *Luke*, b. March 1, 1827; d. June 13, 1827.
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- 28 LUTHER NEWTON, son of Seth Newton* of Southboro,
 Mass., m. Miriam, dau. of Ezra Newton of Southboro.
 They came to Marl. in May, 1788, and resided for a
 short time on the farm now owned by Hon. R. S. Frost.
 He purchased a lot of land, and erected a house near
 what has since been known as the "Newton meadow."
 This house was built of logs which were hewn on the
 inside, making it much better than most of the log
 houses of that day. Mr. Newton was a very industrious
 man, and, possessing a strong constitution and great
 powers of endurance, was able to perform more labor
 than most men. His land being rather poor, he was
 obliged to work out by the day to procure grain and
 other necessaries to support his family, and often, on his
 return home, would make shingles until a late hour at
 night. He soon purchased another lot of land, where he
 began to level the forest, and built a house, which is the
 one now owned by George Thatcher, into which he
 moved in 1797. Mrs. Newton was no less industrious
 than her husband. While he was raising stock and

* Seth Newton's mother died at the age of 106, and his grandmother at the age of 112.



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making shingles to pay for his land, she worked at dress-making and millinery, taking spinning and weaving for pay, which helped to supply the family with clothing. Mr. Newton d. Nov. 19, 1829. His widow d. Sept. 22, 1852.

- 29 i. *Artemas*, b. June 18, 1785; m., 1811, Anna Matthews of Southboro, Mass.; removed to Shefford, Canada. They had ten children. He d. May 14, 1868. His widow d. May 25, 1869.
- 30 ii. *Catharine*, b. Oct. 10, 1786; m. Luke Blodgett, *q.v.*
- 31 iii. *Calvin*, b. Feb. 1, 1791.†
- 32 iv. *Dana*, b. June 17, 1795; m., Sept. 24, 1817, Nancy Moffet of Shefford, Canada; m. (2d), Jan. 1, 1831, Martha Reed of Rockingham, Vt. He d. at Freeport, Ill., Sept. 26, 1875.
- 33 v. *Nancy*, b. Feb. 16, 1801; resides in Troy, um.

(31) CALVIN NEWTON, son of Luther, m. Sally, dau. of Reuben Newton of Southboro, Mass. She d. May 25, 1832. At the death of his father, Mr. Newton came into possession of the home farm, where he resided for many years.

- 34 i. *Emily*, b. Oct. 3, 1818; d. June 18, 1834.
- 35 ii. *Martin L.*, b. July 21, 1820.†

Mr. Newton m. (2d), Feb. 24, 1833, Lucretia Lebourveau of Keene, who d. July 25, 1840.

- 36 iii. *John C.*, b. Apr. 24, 1835; m. Sarah J. Swallow of East Bridgewater, Mass.; resides in North Abington. During the Rebellion, he enlisted in the United States service, and was promoted to sergeant in the 1st Battalion of Heavy Artillery stationed at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor. He was afterward promoted to lieutenant. Served three years and eight months.
- 37 iv. *Charles W.*, b. Sept. 9, 1836; removed to Illinois. In 1862, he enlisted in the 51st Reg. Ill. Vols., and served three years and four months.

Mr. Newton m. (3d), April 6, 1841, Sally Elmina, dau. of Benjamin and Phebe (Norcross) Mason of Dublin, b. July 11, 1811, d. March 24, 1843.

- 38 v. *Emily E.*, b. Nov. 27, 1842; m. Shepherd Watson of Winchendon.

Mr. Newton m. (4th), Oct. 1, 1844, Sally Hart of Hancock, who d. March 28, 1849; and he m. (5th), May 13, 1857, Sabra Worster of Swanzey. She d. Oct. 16, 1871. Soon after the death of his wife, Mr. Newton sold his place in Swanzey, where he had resided for several

years, and removed to Troy to live with his son, where he d. Dec. 16, 1873.

- (35) MARTIN L. NEWTON, son of Calvin, m., Feb. 14, 1845, Mary Ann Crombie of Hancock; settled on home farm, where he lived until 1870, when he removed to Troy, where he now resides.

- 39 I. *Hiram C.*, b. Dec. 8, 1845; resides in Troy, um.; is publisher of *The Home Companion*, a literary paper which he started in Apr., 1872.

Mrs. Newton d. Apr. 12, 1847; and he m. (2d), May 14, 1848, Sarah M., dau. of Richard and Sally Strong of Dublin, b. Nov. 19, 1823.

- 40 II. *Jennie*, b. Sept. 3, 1855; um.
41 III. *Ora W.*, b. July 22, 1857; m., Feb. 5, 1878, Louie E. Leaden of East Berkshire, Vt.; resides in Proctorsville, Vt.
42 I. Warren O., b. Nov. 22, 1879.

- 43 SIMEON NEWTON, a brother of Luther before mentioned, resided for a short time in a house which formerly stood near the late residence of George Harvey. He afterward purchased the farm now owned by George A. Porter, where he resided until 1818 or 1819, when he sold his farm and removed to Templeton, Mass., where he d. May 3, 1829, æ. 61. His wife was Sarah Fisk. She d. Oct. 18, 1854, æ. 83. Children all except the oldest b. in Marl.

- 44 I. *Amos*, b. in Holliston, Mass., Sept. 3, 1792.
45 II. *David F.*, b. Dec. 18, 1796.
46 III. *Dexter*, b. Dec. 29, 1799.
47 IV. *Sarah B.*, b. Dec. 1, 1805.
48 V. *Myra*, b. Aug. 23, 1807.
49 VI. *Cyrus*, b. July 12, 1813.
50 VII. *Simeon*.

- 51 GIDEON NEWTON is supposed to have come from Southboro, Mass. He settled, about 1780, on the farm now known as the Guild place, in Roxbury, since owned by G. W. Nye. His wife was Phebe Temple, a sister of Ebenezer, b. in Framingham, Mass., Apr. 1, 1750; d. Jan. 13, 1822. He d. March 1, 1822.

- 52 I. *Sally*, b. Aug. 25, 1777; m. Moses Guild, *q.v.*
53 II. *Silas*, b. Sept. 3, 1779.† (Town-Records.)
54 III. *Josiah*, b. July 20, 1784; d. Dec. 10, 1789.

- (53) SILAS NEWTON, son of Gideon, m. Sarah, dau. of Robert Chaffin of Acton, Mass. He resided in several

different places in town, and in 1823 he removed to Westminster, Vt., where he resided about three years, and thence to Surry, where he lived three years, and from there to Westmoreland in 1829, where he was engaged for a time in the manufacture of earthen-ware, and was known in that town as "Potter Newton." He is spoken of as being a very religious man, strictly inculcating the views and practising the duties enjoined by the Congregational Church, to which he was attached. He had more than an ordinary inquisitive and penetrating mind, holding opinions on many topics different from those around him, and probably for this reason was considered by his neighbors rather eccentric. When a young man, he had a strong desire to obtain a collegiate education and fit himself for the ministry; but his parents were unable or did not see fit to second his wishes, and he was obliged to give up the idea of obtaining an education. He d. in 1833. His widow d. in Lowell, Mass., in 1868, æ. 87.

- 55 I. *Silas Franklin*, b. March 23, 1808; d. in Westmoreland, about 1831, um.
- 56 II. *Julia Ann*, b. Apr. 23, 1809; d. in Lowell, 1840, um.
- 57 III. *Harriet*, b. Oct. 6, 1810; m. Capt. John H. Fuller of Lowell; resided in Boston, Acton, and Springfield, Mass.; d. 1860.
- 58 IV. *Gilman*, b. Sept. 25, 1812; removed to the West.
- 59 V. *Alvin H.*, b. Dec. 26, 1814; d. in Lowell, 1836.
- 60 VI. *Charles Addison*, b. March 9, 1817; d. in Westminster, Vt., æ. 8 years.
- 61 VII. *Sarah Chaffin*, b. Feb. 2, 1819; d. in Lowell, æ. 16.
- 62 VIII. *Alonzo Elliott*, b. Feb. 23, 1821. He learned the business of printing in Lowell; removed to Boston 1844, and in 1845 he m. Miss Sarah I. Emery. He followed the occupation of printer, proof-reader, and journalist about twenty years. In 1863, he went to Washington, D.C., where he held a clerkship in the War Department, Quartermaster-General's office, for some time. He organized and superintended the public colored schools for about five years, was clerk and book-keeper to the municipal government for two years, when ill-health compelled him to give up regular employment. In 1876, he was residing in Ancora, Camden Co., N.J.
- 63 IX. *Henry L. C.*, b. March 21, 1823. He learned the printing business in Lowell, which he pursued in the same city until his decease in 1856.

- 64 PAUL NEWTON, b. Nov. 27, 1780; came from Belcher-
town, Mass., and resided for some time in the house
since owned by Jonah Davis. He was a blacksmith, and
worked in the shop which formerly stood on "Library
Square." He removed to Hadley, Mass., about 1817.
- 65 I. *Lyman A.*, b. July 22, 1806.
- 66 II. *Sevilla*, b. Sept. 10, 1808.
- 67 III. *Albert F.*, b. Jan. 11, 1812.
- A child of Paul Newton d. Feb. 6, 1814, æ. about 2
years. (Fish records.)
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- 1 JUSTUS WOODBURY NIMS, b. in Sullivan, July 28,
1821, m. Lois Wright, b. in Hubbardston, Mass., March
25, 1821. He resided for several years on the farm now
owned by Jacob Proctor. He now resides in Keene.
Children b. in Marl.
- 2 I. *Charles P. W.*, b. May 24, 1849.
- 3 II. *George W. B.*, b. Jan. 6, 1858.
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- 1 ABEL NUTTING, b. in Groton, Mass., Feb. 13, 1788;
m. Rachel Cutter of Jaffrey, b. Oct. 31, 1792. He set-
tled first in Jaffrey, and enlisted from that town as a sol-
dier in the war of 1812. He came to this town in 1831,
and located on the Parmenter place now owned by his
son, George A., where he d. June 10, 1863. His wife d.
Oct., 1848. Children all b. in Jaffrey.
- 2 I. *Jane*, b. March 12, 1815; d. May 10, 1837.
- 3 II. *George A.*, b. Feb. 19, 1817.+
- 4 III. *Mary*, b. Feb. 7, 1820; m. Asa Bemis, *q.v.*
- 5 IV. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 3, 1822; d. Oct. 31, 1842.
- 6 V. *Louisa A.*, b. Jan. 19, 1826; m., Apr. 30, 1847,
Ephraim Wheeler of Troy; d. Nov. 14, 1851.
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- (3) GEORGE A. NUTTING, son of Abel, m., Sept. 28, 1843,
Eleanor B., dau. of Joseph and Ruth (White) Haskell;
settled on the home farm, where he now resides.
- 7 I. *George Henry*, b. Nov. 15, 1857.
- 8 II. *Sarah Jane*, b. Apr. 29, 1859.
- 9 III. *David Wheeler*, b. Sept. 30, 1862.
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- 1 SYLVANUS NYE was the eldest son of Benjamin Nye
of Barre, Mass. At the early age of thirteen, he accom-
panied his father, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary
war, to Boston, and was present at the battle of Bunker
Hill, waiting on an officer and making himself generally
useful. He came to Marl. in early life, and settled on
what has since been known as the Daiken place, near the

extensive granite quarries now in the town of Roxbury. His wife was Mary Banks.

- 2 I. *Francis*, b. in Barre, Mass., June 3, 1780.
- 3 II. *Ziba*, b. in Barre, Mass., Oct. 15, 1781.
- 4 III. *Gratia*, b. Oct. 4, 1784.
- 5 IV. *Benjamin*, b. Aug. 19, 1786; m., Nov. 23, 1809, Mary, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Reed) Wight, b. in Dublin, Feb. 19, 1778; removed to Fairfield, Vt.
- 6 V. *Patty*, b. Oct. 8, 1789; m., June 6, 1811, Ebenezer Herrick, Jr.; settled in Reading, Vt.
- 7 VI. *Mary*, m. — Atwood; settled in Barre, Mass.

- 8 ANSEL L. NYE, son of Gardner and Fannie (Towns) Nye, b. in Roxbury, June 12, 1834; m., May 5, 1874, Hannah M., dau. of Elisha S. and Mary W. Fish, b. in Gilsum, Oct. 20, 1826. He resided in Marl. some years previous to his marriage, and kept a meat and provision market. He afterward located on the farm formerly owned by Dea. James Farrar, where he now resides. c.

- 1 JACOB OSBORNE, a native of Fitchburg, Mass., m. Sybil Farwell of that place. After a few years' residence in Fitchburg, he removed to Keene, where he remained a short time, and then exchanged farms with Stephen Russell, who then owned the place now occupied by Lovell P. Butler in Troy, which was at that time in Marl. Mr. Osborne resided here fifteen years, and then purchased the place now owned by Levi A. Fuller, where he was for several years proprietor of the celebrated Osborne tavern. He afterwards removed to Troy, where he d.

- 2 I. *Susan*, b. 1787; m. William Down; settled in Fitchburg.
- 3 II. Twins. *Mary*, b. 1787; m., Sept. 15, 1813, Benjamin Page; settled in Cavendish, Vt.
- 4 III. *Sybil*, b. 1791; m. Asa Porter, Jr., *q.v.*
- 5 IV. *Nancy*, b. Nov. 12, 1798; m., May 22, 1823, Leonard Cobb of Troy.
- 6 V. *Louisa*, ———; m. Jedediah Tuttle; settled in Acton, Mass., where Mr. Tuttle d. She now resides in Fitchburg.
- 7 VI. *Daniel Farwell*, b. Aug. 6, 1805; m., May 1, 1828, Sarah Maynard of Sudbury, Mass.; removed to Weathersfield, Vt. In 1851, he went to California, where he d. the following year.
- 8 VII. *Leonard*, b. July 6, 1809; m. Eliza Holman of Fitzwilliam; settled first in Troy, afterwards

removed to Cambridge, Mass., where he was in the stable and omnibus business for nearly twenty years. He now resides in Leominster, Mass.

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- 1 THOMAS PAGE, with Elizabeth, his wife, came from Medway, Mass. Warned to leave town, May 1, 1780, with their children, John, Paul, and Elizabeth. They settled on what is now known as the Prescott pasture.
- 2 I. *Seneca*, son of Thomas and Elizabeth his wife, bap. March 5, 1785.
- 3 II. *John* was published to Mary Cummings of Hinsdale, Nov. 9, 1789.
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- 4 LIBIEUS PAGE, son of Thomas and Sarah (Robbins) Page, b. in Walpole, Mass., June 7, 1761; m., May 30, 1786, Susan Wails of Stoughton, Mass., b. June 26, 1765. He came to Marl. in early life, and settled on the farm next north of Levi Jones, now known as the Wade place. He d. July 5, 1837. His wife d. Feb. 18, 1826.
- 5 I. *Sarah*, b. Apr. 15, 1787.
- 6 II. *Wails*, b. Apr. 21, 1789; d. Apr. 21, 1791.
- 7 III. *Moses*, b. May 10, 1791; drowned July 18, 1807.
- 8 IV. *Charles*, b. Apr. 16, 1793.†
- 9 V. *A daughter*, b. Nov. 3, 1794; d. in infancy.
- 10 VI. *Samuel*, b. Oct. 12, 1796; d. in infancy.
- 11 VII. *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 15, 1798.
- 12 VIII. *Mary*, b. March 2, 1800; d. Sept. 18, 1842.
- 13 IX. *Susanna*, b. Jan. 18, 1802; d. June 1, 1815.
- 14 X. *Joanna*, b. Aug. 6, 1803; d. Apr. 5, 1829.
- 15 XI. *A son*, b. Apr. 26, 1806; d. in infancy.
- 16 XII. *Abigail*, b. Sept. 1808; d. March 22, 1809.
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- (8) CHARLES PAGE, son of Libieus, m., March 18, 1817, Elizabeth R. Warren, b. Oct. 9, 1803. He d. Aug. 12, 1849. His widow d. in Harrisville, March 4, 1851.
- 17 I. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 13, 1818; m. Trueworthy Chase; resides in Seabrook, N.H.
- 18 II. *Susan Wails*, b. March 31, 1821; m. William C. Mason, *q.v.*
- 19 III. *Harriet R.*, b. March 23, 1824; m., Sept. 5, 1842, Nathaniel Tottingham of Ashburnham, Mass., b. March 10, 1818, d. May 25, 1874.
- 20 IV. *Elvira Warren*, b. May 20, 1827; m., March 18, 1845, Horace Bowman; d. in Barnard, Vt., Apr. 27, 1870.
- 21 V. *Martha Stone*, b. Oct. 25, 1829; m. Thomas Jewett; resides in Ashby.

- 22 VI. *Marinda Dorcas*, b. Feb. 14, 1832; m., Dec. 9,
1851, Rodney Farwell; resides in Mason.
- 23 VII. *Maria B.*, b. July 19, 1834; d. Aug. 7,
1835.
- 24 VIII. Twins. *Melwina B.*, b. July 19, 1834; m., March
18, 1852, Oliver L. Bugbee.
- 25 IX. *Charles Warren*, b. Aug. 22, 1836; d. Oct. 20,
1854.
- 26 X. *George Edward*, b. May 28, 1839; m., Apr. 23,
1860, Mary Ellis. He was killed at the battle
of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862, by a New
York regiment firing into his regiment by mis-
take, supposing them to be rebels.
- 27 XI. *Caroline Maria*, b. Apr. 5, 1842; d. Feb. 15, 1843.

1 PHINEHAS PARK was one of the proprietors of the township, and came from Sutton, Mass., about 1772. He is supposed to be the first settler on the farm now owned by Augustus Southwick. He probably remained in town but a few years, as the name disappears from the records soon after the Revolution. He m. Ruth Newton of Shrewsbury, Mass., in 1750. Children b. in Sutton, Mass.

- 2 I. *Ruth*, b. Oct. 13, 1751.
- 3 II. *Miriam*, b. Dec. 2, 1753.
- 4 III. *Tryphinia*, b. Oct. 20, 1755.
- 5 IV. *Elijah*, b. Aug. 28, 1757.

1 JOSIAH PARKER and Martha, his wife, came from Barre, Mass., in 1779. It is not known in what part of the town he resided. The names of three children are found upon our town records.

- 2 I. *Samuel*, b. Jan. 11, 1778.
- 3 II. *Susannah*, b. March 13, 1780.
- 4 III. *Patty*, b. Sept. 13, 1782.

5 JOSEPH PARKER, perhaps a brother of Josiah, came from Barre, Mass., in 1780, and located on the place where Gregory Lawrence now resides in Troy. While there, he had the charge of the grist-mill built by Phinehas Farrar. About 1784, the mill was sold to Daniel Gould, and Parker left town. We find no record of the family.

6 STEPHEN PARKER and his wife, Anna, with their children, Josiah, Nathan, Farrington, Simeon, and Levi, from Weston, Mass., warned to leave town Jan. 20, 1783, by Jonathan Shaw, constable.

- 7 I. *Anna*, dau. of Stephen Parker and Anna his wife,
b. Jan. 19, 1784. (Town records.)

- 8 AARON PARKER, b. in Holden, Mass., Oct. 10, 1796; m., 1823, Asenath, dau. of Paul and Sarah (Gale) Raymond, b. in Winchendon, Dec. 3, 1795. He located on the farm now owned by Levi Jones, where he d. May 4, 1840. His widow d. in Boston, Mass., March 27, 1857.
- 9 I. *Abbie E.*, b. May 8, 1824; resides at Rio Vista, Cal.
- 10 II. *Harriet R.*, b. July 4, 1825; m. Dennis Law; resides in Worcester, Mass.
- 11 III. *Mary W.*, b. Dec. 10, 1827; d. in Claremont, Dec. 25, 1850.
- 12 IV. *Ruth A.*, b. Feb. 1, 1829; m. Ezra Griffin; resides in Buchanan, Mich.
- 13 V. *George W.*, b. Dec. 5, 1830; d. at Singapore, East Indies, Nov. 20, 1856.
- 14 VI. *Aaron*, b. Aug. 17, 1832; m. Eunice Howe of Tunbridge, Vt. She d., and he m. (2d) Amy Curtice of Worcester, Mass. He is a carpenter, and resides at West Berkley, Cal.
- 15 VII. *Naomi N.*, b. Aug. 23, 1833; m. Stephen Leigh; resides at West Berkley, Cal.
- 16 VIII. *Raymond J.*, b. June 5, 1835; m. Lilla A. Bucan of South Tunbridge, Vt. He is a machinist, and resides in Fitchburg, Mass.
- 17 IX. *Sarah A.*, b. Jan. 18, 1837; m. James Leigh; resides in Worcester, Mass.
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- 18 JAMES M. L. PARKER, b. in Phillipston, Mass., Sept. 3, 1812; m., Apr. 1, 1835, Polly H., dau. of Aaron B. and Persis (Hemenway) Kidder of Roxbury. He came to Marl. in 1851, and purchased the old pottery in Lowellville, which he converted into a dwelling-house, which is the same since occupied by S. S. Mason and others. In Nov., 1855, he removed to Wisconsin, and now resides at Ahnepee in that State. His wife d. at Forestville, Wis., Jan. 8, 1868.
- 19 I. *James Ansel*, b. in Roxbury, June 25, 1836. He was one of the crew on the ill-fated whaling schooner "Virginia," which sailed from Provincetown, Mass., Apr. 19, 1854. This schooner was spoken the 25th of July following, and is supposed to have been lost in a very severe gale in Aug., 1854, and that all on board perished, as nothing has been heard from the vessel or crew since.
- 20 II. *Aminie C.*, b. in Hillsboro, July 12, 1839; m., Dec. 21, 1857, George Fowles of Ahnepee; resides in Forestville, Wis.

- 21 | iii. *Nancy P.*, b. in Phillipston, Mass., Dec. 26, 1842;
d. in Wisconsin, June 4, 1857.
- 22 | iv. *Rosell R.*, b. in Phillipston, Mass., June 28, 1845;
d. in Wisconsin, July 4, 1857.
- 23 | v. *Maynard T.*, b. in Roxbury, Oct. 30, 1850; resides
in Alnepee, Wis.

PARKHURST.

GEORGE PARKHURST was an early settler of Watertown, Mass. We have not ascertained at what time he came to America, or whether he brought a wife with him; but he was accompanied by two children, George and Phebe. He removed from Watertown to Boston about 1645. George, Jr., b. in 1618, m., Dec. 16, 1643, Sarah Brown; d. March 16, 1698-99. John, son of George and Sarah (Brown) Parkhurst, b. June 10, 1644, m. Abigail Garfield of Watertown, and d. Sept. 12, 1725. His eldest son, John, b. Feb. 26, 1671, m. Abigail Morse, and settled in Weston. He was one of the original members and first deacon of Weston church. Josiah, son of Dea. John and Abigail (Morse) Parkhurst, b. Feb. 9, 1706-7, m., Oct. 23, 1735, Sarah, dau. of Daniel and Sarah Carter of Weston.

- 1 | JOSIAH PARKHURST, son of Josiah and Sarah (Carter) Parkhurst, b. March 8, 1736-37; m., June 1, 1758, Elizabeth, dau. of Nathaniel and Hannab (Robinson) Bigelow of Weston. In later years, he came to Marl., and settled on the farm since owned by Noah Porter. He d. in 1832. Children b. in Weston and Framingham.
- 2 | i. *Hannah*, b. March 27, 1759; m., Feb. 29, 1779,
Jonathan Adams; removed to Pennsylvania.
- 3 | ii. *John*, b. May 2, 1760.†
- 4 | iii. *Aaron*, b. June 1, 1761; m. Sally Thompson;
moved to Stafford, Conn.
- 5 | iv. *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 28, 1763; m., May, 1784, Samuel Walker.
- 6 | v. *Ephraim*, b. Jan. 16, 1765; m. Elizabeth Luke.
She d. Dec. 25, 1825; and he m. (2d) Mrs. Mary Adams.
- 7 | vi. *Lucy*, b. June 19, 1766; m., Jan. 15, 1784, Abraham Fisher; lived in Claremont; d. 1845.
- 8 | vii. *Sally*, b. Jan. 6, 1768; m. Micah Morse; d. 1814.
- 9 | viii. *Eunice*, b. Nov. 20, 1769; m. — Becket; lived
in Unity, N.H.; d. 1829.
- 10 | ix. *Molly*, b. Nov. 15, 1771; m., 1793, Josiah Hemenway; settled in Framingham.
- 11 | x. *Lydia*, b. June 28, 1775; m., Aug. 19, 1794,
Solomon Brackett.
- 12 | xi. *Josiah*, b. May 25, 1778; m., Apr. 2, 1801, Nancy Jones.

- (3) | JOHN PARKHURST, son of Josiah, m., Dec., 1783, Sally Bullard. He came to Marl. about 1788, and located

- either on the farm with his father or the place adjoining, afterwards owned by Ebenezer Coburn. Children, first two b. in Framingham, the others in Marl.
- 13 i. *John*, b. Dec. 30, 1784. He studied medicine with Dr. Carter, and removed to Pennsylvania.
- 14 ii. *Daniel*, b. May 6, 1787.
- 15 iii. *Josiah*, b. March 12, 1789.
- 16 iv. *Sally*, b. Apr. 10, 1793; m., Sept. 5, 1813, William Evens.
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- 17 LUKE PARKHURST, son of Josiah, m., Nov. 10, 1831, Laurana, dau. of Abraham and Huldah (Wells) Priest. He d. about 1874. His wife d. Oct. 13, 1853.
- 18 i. *Daniel J.*, b. Sept. 1, 1832.
- 19 ii. *Josiah*, b. March 24, 1834.
- 20 iii. *Nancy M.*, b. June 10, 1836.
- 21 iv. *Luther C.*, b. Feb. 21, 1839.
- 22 v. *Laurana*, b. May 10, 1841.
- 23 vi. *Martha*, b. Sept. 17, 1843.
- 24 vii. *Luke*, b. Aug. 9, 1845.
- 25 viii. *Elmira*, b. 1847.
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- 1 ALEXANDER PARKMAN was b. in Westboro, Mass., Feb. 17, 1746. He was the son of Rev. Ebenezer Parkman of Westboro, who was b. in Boston, Sept. 5, 1703, and ordained Oct. 28, 1724. Alexander m. Keziah, dau. of Dea. William Brown of Framingham. He was a clothier by trade, and must have settled in Marl. as early as 1778. His residence was in the southerly part of the town, within the limits of the present village of Troy, where he had a fulling-mill a short distance below the saw-mill since owned by Charles Carpenter. Here he worked for several years; and, it being a time when families manufactured their own cloth, he found plenty to do in the usual season for dressing. A share of the public business was also intrusted to his care. He was town clerk in 1784 and 1785, and occupied other important positions; and we have no doubt he discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the people. He removed with his family to Cherry Valley, N.Y., in 1788.
- 2 i. *Betty*, bap. in Framingham, Dec. 3, 1769.
- 3 ii. *Robert Breck*, d. in Parkman, O.
- 4 iii. *Polly*, b. in Marl., Nov. 16, 1779.
- 5 iv. *John*, b. in Marl., March 25, 1782.
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PARMENTER.*

JOHN PARMENTER, probably the common ancestor of all bearing the name in New England, with his son John, was among the first settlers

* The name of Parmenter is said to be of French origin, and denotes a mountaineer.

and proprietors of Sudbury, Mass., and took the freeman's oath May 13, 1640. He was selectman in 1641; and he (or his son John) was on a committee of inspection into the moral condition of families, etc., Feb. 28, 1655. His wife, Bridget, d. Apr. 6, 1660. No record of his death is found, but his will was proved 1671. His son John m., and settled in Sudbury; and in 1665 he was allowed to keep a house of entertainment in that town. He d. Apr. 12, 1666. His widow was Ameer, who d. in Sudbury, 1681. He was the father of five children, among whom was George, who m., 1679, Hannah Johnson, and settled in Sudbury.

Their eldest son, George, b. May 5, 1679, m., 1701, Mary Bent. Deliverance, son of George and Mary (Bent) Parmenter, b. Dec. 16, 1709, m., 1731, Ruth Hayden. Their son, Deliverance, Jr., m., Feb. 11, 1762, Mary Osborne, and settled in Sudbury. They had eight children, among whom were Oliver and Thaddeus, who afterwards settled in Marl. Deliverance, Jr., was a zealous patriot. On the memorable 19th of April, 1775, he was ploughing in the field near his house when the news reached him of the battle of Lexington and Concord. He immediately unyoked his oxen, drove them into the yard, and with gun in hand started on the run to meet the British. He was at the battle of Bunker Hill, and remained in the service till October, when he returned home. The following spring, he again enlisted, and remained in the army three years.

1 OLIVER PARMENTER, son of Deliverance and Mary (Osborne) Parmenter, was b. in Sudbury, Oct. 12, 1762. He was in the war of the Revolution, entering the service when only fifteen or sixteen years of age. Soon after the close of the war, he m. his cousin, a dau. of Jason Parmenter of Bernardston, Mass. He resided in that place until the death of his wife, which took place about 1790. He then came to Marl., worked for his brother Thaddeus a short time, and then purchased a lot of wild land in the north part of the town, now within the limits of Roxbury. His house was located on a knoll, a little north of the Daiken meadow, so called. He m. (2d), Apr. 4, 1793, Vianna Fay of Athol, Mass. It is probable he made but little improvement on his land, as his wife d. when he had resided here but a few years. He then disposed of his property, and removed to Springfield, Vt., where he soon after m. Nancy McLentice. He resided in Springfield many years, but in his old age he removed to Moriah, Essex Co., N.Y., where he d. at an advanced age.

2 I. *Tisdale*, ———; d. young.

3 II. *Mary*, ———; m. Russell Titus, a blind man; settled in Moriah, N.Y.; d. May 8, 1852.

4 III. *Osborne*, m. Lydia Gowing of Rockingham, Vt.; settled in Moriah, N.Y., where he resided till 1838, when he removed to Wisconsin, and d. the same year.

5 IV. *Pamilla*, ———; d. æ. 10 years.

6 THADDEUS PARMENTER, the second son of Deliverance and Mary (Osborne) Parmenter, was b. in Sudbury,

March 15, 1767. He worked with his father, shoemaking, till the age of twenty-one. In the spring of 1789, he came on foot from Sudbury to this town, bringing with him all his worldly possessions tied up in a bundle and swung on his axe over his shoulder. He purchased the lot of land in the south-west part of the town which now comprises the farm owned by George A. Nutting. Having been brought up to work in his father's shop, he found himself but poorly prepared for the task he now saw before him. Consequently, he made but little progress at first in levelling the forest. But his neighbor, Francis Barker, kindly rendered him assistance, and taught him how to fell the trees to the best advantage, so he soon had quite a clearing. He m., Dec. 3, 1789, Ruth, dau. of Benjamin and Ann (Vose) Tower of Sudbury, b. Oct. 27, 1762. Soon after his marriage, he removed his wife to Marl., and during the winter resided in the house with Francis Barker. The following spring, he constructed a log house, which was so far completed on election day that he thatched the roof with hemlock bark, his wife standing upon the ground and handing him the pieces while he tied them on with elm bark. He d. June 12, 1844. His widow d. June 7, 1851.

- 7 I. *Sally*, b. Aug. 1, 1790 ; m., Feb. 26, 1822, Joseph Corbin ; removed to Rochester, N.Y. ; d. Dec. 19, 1826.
- 8 II. *Ethel*, b. Jan. 4, 1793. +
- 9 III. *Zilpah*, b. 1794 ; d. in infancy.
- 10 IV. *Phebe*, b. May 4, 1795 ; m. Jonas Woodward, *q.v.*
- 11 V. *Olive*, b. Nov. 22, 1796 ; m. Josiah Woodward, *q.v.*
- 12 VI. *Edwards*, b. Sept. 12, 1798 ; m., Jan. 15, 1822, Eliza Frost of Mt. Holly, Vt. In 1821, he removed to Shefford, Canada, where he remained some fifteen years, then returned to Mt. Holly, where he d. March 8, 1878. His wife d. May 14, 1860.
- 13 1. Lucretia, b. Dec. 5, 1822 ; resides in Mt. Holly, Vt., um.
- 14 2. Oscar, b. July 3, 1825 ; m., June 1, 1852, Janett Ackley. He d. July 3, 1852.
- 15 3. Frederick, b. Nov. 10, 1828 ; m., Oct. 19, 1851, Ann Eliza Baker, b. in Mt. Holly, Vt., Aug. 3, 1831 ; resides in Mt. Holly. They have two sons : Charles W., b. Sept. 8, 1852, m. Ella Spicer ; he is principal of the High School in Waltham, Mass. Frederick Elmer, b. June 17, 1855 ; resides in Detroit, Mich.
- 16 4. Benjamin Franklin, b. July 12, 1832 ; m.,

- Aug. 28, 1856, Polly B. Tarbell, b. in Mt. Holly, March 26, 1834; resides in Mt. Holly, Vt. They have one son, Edward C., b. Nov. 4, 1857.
- 17 5. Charles, b. Feb. 12, 1834. He commenced the practice of law at Windsor, Vt., Sept., 1864; but the following month enlisted in the 6th Reg. Vt. Vols., and was killed at the battle of Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.
- 18 VII. *Lucas*, b. 1802; d. Aug. 22, 1813.
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- (8) ETHEEL PARMENTER, son of Thaddeus, m., Dec. 4, 1816, Rebecca, dan. of Bezaleel and Abigail (Wood) Baker; settled on the home farm; d. Nov. 3, 1829. His widow d. Nov. 10, 1841.
- 19 I. *Elmira*, b. Jan. 9, 1818; m. Charles R. Bemis, *q.v.*
- 20 II. *Austin George*, b. Sept. 20, 1822.+
- 21 III. *Jane Rebecca*, b. July 6, 1826; d. Aug. 31, 1828.
- 22 IV. *Mary Judith*, b. Oct. 28, 1828; d. Aug. 16, 1830.
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- (20) AUSTIN G. PARMENTER, son of Etheel, m., Aug. 13, 1851, Emeline F., dau., of Joseph and Eunice (Lowell) Collins. She d. July 9, 1862.
- 23 I. *George C.*, b. Nov. 30, 1861.
- Mr. Parmenter m. (2d), March 11, 1863, Louisa, dau. of Ziba and Eunice (Buss) Nason.
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- 24 JACOB PARMENTER appears on the tax list of 1815. He was commonly known as "Toddy Parmenter" on account of his love for the *ardent*, so common in those days.
- A child of Jacob Parmenter d. Nov. 30, 1807, æ. 3 years, 4 months. (Fish records.)
- Sally Parmenter*, who m. Josiah Lawrence, March 29, 1803, may have been his daughter.
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- 1 EDWARD PARTRIDGE was b. Dec. 17, 1785. His grandfather, Edward Partridge, b. in 1710, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and one of the original members of the church in Oakham, Mass. Edward Partridge, Jr., m. Editha Bullard, b. in Oakham, Mass., June 11, 1788; d. in Marl., Nov. 14, 1845. He removed from Oakham to Marl., about 1838; d. in Troy, Oct. 21, 1851.
- 2 I. *Greenwood*, b. Aug 26, 1819; m. Emily Kilburn; resides in Winchendon, Mass.
- 3 II. *Silas B.*, b. May 27, 1821; m. Mary Emerson; resides in Swanzey, N.H. Their son, Silas

- Emerson, b. in Cavendish, Vt., May 14, 1848, m., May 11, 1875, M. Anna, dau. of Joseph and Lucinda (McIntire) Dunn of Ludlow, Vt., b. March 15, 1851; resides in Marl.
- 4 III. *Lucy*, b. Feb. 18, 1823; m. George B. Jackson; resides in Attleboro Falls, Mass.
- 5 IV. *Hannah L.*, b. May 22, 1824; m. Charles Jackson; resides in Attleboro, Mass.
- 6 V. *Edward*, b. Dec. 20, 1825; m. Martha A. H. Stribling; resides in Erin, Tenn.
- 7 VI. *Barnard B.*, b. Jan. 10, 1828; m. Mrs. Almira Fish; resides in Francisville, Ind.
- 8 VII. *Abigail*, b. Dec. 22, 1829; m. Marcus Robinson; resides in Kokomo, Ind.
- 9 VIII. *Lafayette*, b. May 26, 1831; resides in Erin, Tenn.
- 10 IX. *Susan P.*, b. Dec. 19, 1832; m. Thomas Kendrick; resides in Ware, Mass.

1 JOSEPH PECK and family are mentioned by Benjamin Tucker as among the settlers in 1770. The name frequently occurs on the early records, but nothing is known of the family.

2 WIDOW LYDIA PECK, and Ichabod, Seth, Jeremiah, Joseph, Mary, and Lydia Peck, from Cumberland, R.I., warned to leave town, Apr., 1780.

3 DANIEL PECK, published to Mehitable Harvey of Swanzey. Ebenezer Page of Keene published to Lydia Peck of this town, July 6, 1782. (Town records.)

1 JUSTUS PERRY, M.D., b. in Barre, Mass., 1760; settled in Marl., as a physician, about 1786. (See Chap. XII.) He served as town clerk in 1788, and the records of that year were transcribed by him in a neat and beautiful handwriting. He m. Martha, dau. of Jonathan and Martha (Leland) Frost. He d. Aug. 11, 1800. His widow afterwards m. Capt. David Wheeler, *q.v.*

2 I. *Sylvia*, b. Jan. 14, 1787; m. Adolphus Wright; resided in Keene, where she d. Dec. 19, 1867.

3 II. *Justus* (Gen.), b. Feb. 8, 1789; m. Mary O. Edwards of Boston. She d., and he m. (2d) Hannah Wood of Concord, Mass.; resided in Keene, where he d. Dec. 10, 1842. (See Chap. XIII.)

4 III. *Martha*, b. Feb. 13, 1795; m. — Lamson. He d. in 1827, and she m. (2d), 1836, John Foster, who d. in 1854. She d. in Keene, 1880.

5 IV. *Lucretia*, b. Apr. 10, 1797; m. John Wood; re-

sided in Keene, where he d. 1833. She d. in Chicago, Aug., 1875.

1 JACOB PHELPS, son of Ebenezer and Lucy (Allen) Phelps, b. in Marl, Mass., Oct. 4, 1755, m., Sept. 10, 1783, Prudy Dudley of Harvard. He resided for several years in the north part of the town, in what is now Roxbury. His wife d. July 22, 1806; and he m. (2d) Rebecca Walker. He d. about 1810. We have the names of three children. Perhaps there were others.

2 I. *Samuel*.

3 II. *Moses*.

4 III. *Sally*.

5 PUTNAM PHELPS, a brother of Jacob, b. in Marl, Mass., Dec. 18, 1762; m., Feb. 5, 1789, Eunice Goodnow. Soon after his marriage, he came to Marl., and settled near what is now the Esty place in Roxbury.

6 I. *Peter*, d. about 1810.

7 II. *Betsey*, b. Jan. 27, 1792.

8 III. *Aaron*, b. Oct. 7, 1795.

9 IV. *Sally*, b. Nov. 7, 1798.

10 V. *Lydia*, b. Aug. 28, 1804.

PHILLIPS.

JAMES PHILLIPS appears in Providence, R.I., the last part of the 17th century. His ancestors were of Scotch-Irish extraction, and probably settled near Newport, R.I., soon after the arrival of Roger Williams. James Phillips became a citizen of Smithfield, R.I., at its incorporation, and d. there in 1748. In 1743, he conveyed some real estate to his son Joshua. The consideration named is "love and good-will." Of his other children, there is no other record except that his son Michael was appointed administrator of his estate. Joshua m. Frelove —, and had Joshua and James (twins), Richard, b. Sept. 4, 1754, Gideon and Paine (twins), b. Nov. 7, 1763, Frelove, and Patience. In 1767, he sold his property, given him by his father, and removed with his family to Rutland, Mass., from which place his sons, Joshua, Richard, Gideon, and Paine, enlisted, and served their country in the war of the Revolution. At the close of the war, Richard settled in Dublin, he having m., 1778, Olive, dau. of David Evens of Hopkinton, Mass., b. March 7, 1755. Their son, George Washington, afterward resided in Marl., and is number 1 in the following record.

Gideon, b. Nov. 7, 1763, m., 1786, Chloe Shattuck of Hubbardston, Mass., b. Aug. 16, 1765, d. July 5, 1809; and he m. (2d) widow Huldah Abbott, who d. in 1830. He d. in Roxbury, June 13, 1840. Deacon Reuben, eldest son of Gideon and Chloe (Shattuck) Phillips, b. March 24, 1788, m., 1803, Rebecca, dau. of Enoch and Rebecca (French) Foster; settled in Roxbury, where he d. Aug. 20, 1861. His wife d. Jan. 17, 1858. They had fourteen children. Washington, the third son and seventh child, is number 6 in the register.

1 GEORGE WASHINGTON PHILLIPS, son of Richard and Olive (Evens) Phillips of Dublin, b. March 2, 1783, m., Oct. 7, 1804, Lucinda, dau. of David and Lucinda (Wright) Bemis, b. Apr. 12, 1786. He d. in the army, during the war with Great Britain; and his widow m., July 25, 1815, Asa Wilcox of Surry.

2 I. *Freelove Paine*, b. June 10, 1805; m. Otis Phillips; she d. in Worcester, Mass., July 28, 1853.

3 II. *Lucinda W.*, b. March 21, 1807; m., June 8, 1831, William Wilson, Jr., of Keene. She d. Apr. 15, 1847.

4 III. *Elvira*, b. May 10, 1809; m., June 1, 1825, Gilman Grimes of Hancock; d. July 30, 1827.

5 IV. *George W. A.*, b. June 16, 1811.

WASHINGTON PHILLIPS, son of Dea. Reuben and Rebecca (Foster) Phillips, b. Feb. 7, 1826; m., May 7, 1850, Eliza Ellen, dau. of Rufus and Louisa (Barnes) Day of Nelson, b. Sept. 5, 1827. He has resided in Nelson, Roxbury, Harrisville, and Marl., to which place he removed with his family Aug., 1877. Children all b. in Nelson.

7 I. *Laura Ellen*, b. Nov. 8, 1851; d. in Harrisville, July 19, 1873.

8 II. *Everetta Jane*, b. Jan. 23, 1854; m., Jan. 23, 1873, Melbern A. Wood of Hancock. She d. in Marl., Nov. 14, 1877.

9 III. *Mary Lestina*, b. May 10, 1856; m., Jan. 1, 1881, Charles A. Bemis.

10 IV. *Ellsworth Washington*, b. Aug. 5, 1861.

11 ANDREW PHILLIPS, b. Jan. 6, 1750 (genealogy not traced), came from Southborough, Mass., in 1777; and was the first settler on the Herrick farm, now owned by Merrill Mason. He is said to have been a man of good habits and comfortable pecuniary circumstances, but not a man of great business talents. He was twice married: (1st) to Sarah Fairbanks, who d. Oct. 16, 1793; and (2d) to Mary Smith, probably in 1794. He d. in Chesterfield, Nov. 26, 1822. Children by first wife.

12 I. *Martha*, b. Aug. 28, 1778; m. — Jackson; d. Dec. 24, 1858; resided in Chesterfield.

13 II. *Experience*, b. Nov. 6, 1788; d. Oct. 6, 1802.

1 SIMON PIPER (genealogy not traced) m. Abigail, dau. of Reuben and Sarah (Kendall) Ward. He resided for a few years in Marl., and then removed to Maine.

2 I. *Abigail*.

- 3 II. *Simon*.
- 4 III. *John*.
- 5 IV. *Fannie*, b. Aug. 29, 1798; m., Feb. 3, 1817, Elisha W. Bishop of Swanzey.
- 6 V. *Olive*, b. Jan. 24, 1801; m., Oct. 21, 1822, Frederick Mills of Leroy, N.Y.

7 CYRUS PIPER, son of Cyrus and Cathrine (Greenwood) Piper, b. in Dublin, Nov. 23, 1819, m., 1844, Eliza, dau. of Phinehas and Sarah P. (Smith) Gleason, who d. Feb. 4, 1845; and he m. (2d), 1846, Abby C., dau. of Capt. John and Beulah (Smith) Wight, who d. Feb. 15, 1861; and he m. (3d), 1863, Jerusha, dau. of John Allison of Weathersfield, Vt. He resided in Marl., from 1849 to 1856. Since 1859, he has resided in Keene.

- 8 I. *Mabel E.*, b. Feb. 2, 1865.
- 9 II. *Louis A.*, b. Oct. 14, 1866.

1 DAVID PLATT, an Englishman by birth, came to Marl. about 1852, and engaged for several years in the manufacture of pails at the brick mill, but left town about 1865. No record of the birth of his children has been received.

- 2 I. *Angeline*, m., Dec. 5, 1850, Nelson Howe.
- 3 II. *Murtha*, m. George H. Stone. *q.v.*
- 4 III. *Edward*, m., and resides in Winchendon.
- 5 IV. *Sarah*.
- 6 V. *Albert*, d. several years since.

1 BENJAMIN PLYMPTON came to Marl. about 1805, and resided for a short time on the farm now owned by Calvin Farrar. He afterwards resided on the place now owned by the heirs of Gilbert Russell. He d. July 3, 1820, æ. 69. We find the names of three children.

- 2 I. *Shubael*.
- 3 II. *Metcalf*.
- 4 III. *Jael Cushing*.

1 SAMUEL O. POPE, b. in Salem, Mass., March 4, 1824; m., March 21, 1854, Viana A. Ferrin, b. in Bridgewater, N.H., Feb. 15, 1829. The family have resided in Boston and Lynn; removed to Marl., Apr., 1876. Children all b. in Lynn, except Harriet, who was b. in Boston.

- 2 I. *Harriet G.*, b. Feb. 15, 1855.
- 3 II. *Betsy V.*, b. Oct. 22, 1858; m. Wilber Fish of Cliftondale, Mass.
- 4 III. *Samuel A.*, b. March 16, 1860; d. Apr. 16, 1860.
- 5 IV. *Oliver A.*, b. Nov. 11, 1861.

- 6 v. *Hiram G.*, b. Aug. 11, 1864.
 7 vi. *Enos B.*, b. March 13, 1867; d. May, 1867.
 8 vii. *Clara L.*, b. Nov. 11, 1868.

There were other families by the name of Pope who have resided in town, from whom we have received no registers.

PORTER.

RICHARD PORTER settled in Weymouth, Mass., in 1635. In the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 25, p. 13, his name occurs among a list of passengers at Weymouth, England, March 30, 1635, bound for New England. He was a member of the original church in Weymouth, and for many years served the town as selectman, constable, etc. No record of his marriage is found. He d., probably, in 1689. He had four children. His eldest son, John, m., Feb. 9, 1660, Deliverance, dau. of Nicholas and Martha (Shaw) Byrum. He resided in Weymouth, and is said to have been one of the most enterprising men of his time, and was a useful, honored citizen, holding all the various town offices at different times. He d. Aug. 17, 1717. His widow d. Sept. 30, 1720. His son Thomas m., about 1706, Susanna, dau. of Matthew and Sarah (Hunt) Pratt, b. 1684. Ezra, son of Thomas and Susanna (Pratt) Porter, b. Sept. 8, 1725, m., 1751, Hannah, dau. of Joseph and Ruth (Richards) Lovell, b. Dec. 17, 1723. She d.; and he m. (2d) Patience, dau. of Solomon and Temperance Hathaway, b. Oct. 21, 1741; lived in Weymouth.

- 1 JOEL PORTER, son of Ezra and Ruth (Lovell) Porter, b. in Weymouth, Mass., June 16, 1755; m., 1780, Lovina Woods, b. 1757; came to Marl. in 1780, and located in the south-east part of the town, near the foot of Monadnock Mountain, his land being situated in Marl. and Dublin. In 1792, he built a house on the Dublin part of his farm, into which he moved his family. This was set off to Marl. by an act of the Legislature, in 1818.
 Mr. Porter served about two years in the war of the Revolution (see Chap. III.). He d. Sept. 8, 1824. His wife d. August, 1819, æ. 62. Of the children, the five oldest were b. in Marl., the others in Dublin.
- 2 I. *Joel*, b. March 19, 1783; d. 1786.
 3 II. *David*, b. Apr. 15, 1784; m., March 20, 1809, Deborah Farrar; removed to Sullivan, afterwards to Gilsum. He d. Aug. 24, 1867. She d. July 15, 1870.
 4 III. *Lovina*, b. Nov. 16, 1786; m., 1847, Jesse Knowlton, who d. in 1849, and she m. (2d), 1851, Chester Lyman, Esq., of Swanzey. She d. Jan. 6, 1876.
 5 IV. *James*, b. July 13, 1788; m., 1812, Betsey Williams; removed to Potsdam, N.Y.
 6 V. *Joel*, b. June 22, 1790; d. Oct., 1810.

- 7 VI. *Ezra*, b. July 23, 1792; m., Oct., 1821, Ada, dau. of Abiel and Rhoda (Drake) Alger; removed to Winchendon, Mass.
- 8 VII. *Noah*, b. July 6, 1794.†
- 9 VIII. *Joseph*, b. May 6, 1796; m., 1824, Orathe Whitcomb; removed to Florida.
- 10 IX. *Lucy*, b. Aug. 27, 1798; m. Chester Lyman.
- 11 X. *Hannah*, b. Jan. 22, 1801; d. in Nashua, 1852.

12 ASA PORTER, a brother of Joel, b. in Weymouth, Mass., Nov. 3, 1756; m. Eunice Williams of Groton, Mass., b. July 23, 1760. He was in several of the most famous battles of the Revolution. (See Chap. III.) He came to Marl. about 1780, and resided for a short time in the "Tomb," so called, a sort of dug-out in the side-hill, at the corner of the roads near the Alger place. He afterwards purchased a lot of wild land, which comprises the farm now owned by Fuller Clark. Here he resided until his death, Dec. 1, 1852, being the oldest person that has ever d. in Marl. His wife d. Dec. 18, 1821.

- 13 I. *Asa*, b. May 3, 1779; d. Oct. 14, 1780.
- 14 II. *Lydia*, b. March 17, 1781; m. Israel Flood, *q.v.*
- 15 III. *Polly*, b. Nov. 24, 1782; d. young.
- 16 IV. *Eunice*, b. July 27, 1784; m. Nathan E. Wild, *q.v.*
- 17 V. *Dan*, b. Sept. 5, 1786; d. March 6, 1790.
- 18 VI. *Asa*, b. July 5, 1788.†
- 19 VII. *Abel*, b. March 8, 1791.
- 20 VIII. *Mary*, b. June 8, 1793; m. Calvin Starkey of Troy; removed to Townsend, Vt.
- 21 IX. *Levi*, b. March 21, 1795.†
- 22 X. *Reuben*, b. June 8, 1797; m. Prudence Hills; removed to Chesterfield.
- 23 1. Charles Lovell, b. Feb. 18, 1826.
- 24 2. Ellen Maria, b. Jan. 16, 1828.
- 25 3. Sumner Williams, b. March 3, 1830.
- 26 4. Elisha Hills, b. Nov. 13, 1831.
- 27 XI. *Permillia*, b. June 15, 1799; m. Levi Gates, Jr., *q.v.*
- 28 XII. *Lovell*, b. Feb. 20, 1801; d. Nov. 28, 1824; um.
- 29 XIII. *Elvira*, b. March 12, 1803; resides in Marl., um.
- 30 XIV. *Adaline*, b. Jan. 1, 1807; m. Fuller Clark, *q.v.*

(8) NOAH PORTER, son of Joel, m., March 5, 1820, Abigail Hobert of Groton, Mass., b. Aug. 17, 1797. After residing a short time in Groton, he removed to Jaffrey, and thence to Marl., where he resided for many years. In his old age, he removed to the village of Troy, where he d. Dec. 10, 1880. His wife d. in Marl. July 30, 1875.

- 31 I. *Lorinda H.*, b. in Groton, Dec. 29, 1820; m. Jonathan Page; resides in Jaffrey.

- 32 ii. *Roaney A.*, b. in Jaffrey, July 16, 1822; m. Joseph J. Piper of Jaffrey. He d., and she m. (2d) Abel J. Burpee of Sterling, Mass.; resides in Troy.
- 33 iii. *Sarah L.*, b. in Jaffrey, Sept. 15, 1824; m. William Ward; resides in Troy.
- 34 iv. *Charles W.*, b. in Marl., March 26, 1826; m. Sabra Wheeler of Acworth; resides in Swanzey.
- 35 v. *Catharine H.*, b. in Marl., Feb. 4, 1828; m. (1st) Josiah Newell of Jaffrey, and m. (2d) I. Wheeler of Acworth.
- 36 vi. *George W.*, b. in Marl., Dec. 29, 1829; m. Elizabeth Wheeler of Acworth; resides in Keene.
- 37 vii. *Harriet W.*, b. in Marl., July 9, 1833; m. Asa C. Hemenway; resides in Keene.
- 38 viii. *Francis J.*, b. in Marl., Feb. 10, 1836; m. Ellen Higgins of Hinsdale; d. Oct. 27, 1862.
- 39 ix. *Eliza A.*, b. in Marl., May 20, 1840; d. Nov. 23, 1856.
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- (18) ASA PORTER, son of Asa, m. Sybel Osborne of Troy, and first settled in Weathersfield, Vt. He afterwards resided in Marl., Troy, and Waltham, but in 1855 he removed to Oregon, where he soon after d.
- 40 i. *Henry A.*, b. Oct. 12, 1817; m. Czarina Foristall, Apr. 7, 1842.
- 41 ii. *Leonard W.*, b. Sept. 14, 1820; m. Mary Howard of Hopkinton, Mass.; removed to Boston.
- 42 iii. *Almira*, b. Jan. 1, 1823; m. Luke Bemis of Waltham, Mass.
- 43 iv. *Lorinda*, b. Dec. 25, 1828; m. Amos W. Buttrick of Winchendon.
- 44 v. *Louisa*, b. March 14, 1831; m. Oliver Smith of Winchendon.
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- (21) LEVI PORTER, son of Asa, m. Sally, dau. of Moses Sawyer of Sharon, N.H.; settled on the farm now owned by his son, George A. Porter. He d. Apr. 6, 1867. His wife d. Aug. 19, 1866.
- 45 i. *Moses Sawyer*, b. Aug. 23, 1824; m., May 4, 1870, Emily, dau. of Elijah and Amorite (Wild) Gates; resides in Leominster.
- 46 ii. *Levi Williams*, b. Apr. 5, 1826; m., June 1, 1853, Caroline Philista, dau. of Charles and Emily (Frost) Gilbert; resides in Leominster.
- 47 iii. *George Augustus*, b. Jan. 9, 1828; m., Oct. 24, 1861, Lucy A. Smith of Fitchburg; resides on the home farm.

- 48 1. George Wilber, b. Feb. 8, 1871.
49 2. Joseph Warren, b. Oct. 17, 1873.
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- 50 LEVI PORTER, another brother of Joel, resided in town a short time about 1785. He m. Margaret, dau. of Jonathan and Alice (Alden) Capron. They had one dau.
- 51 I. *Lone*, b. March 7, 1785; m. Benjamin Twiss; removed to Vermont.

PRATT.

JOSHUA PRATT came over in the third ship, "Ann," in 1620, and was among the forefathers at Plymouth. Of his children, Thomas took the freeman's oath, May 26, 1647, and settled early in Watertown, Mass. He had eleven children, among whom was Ephraim, b. in Sudbury, Nov. 1, 1687, m., 1708, Martha Wheelock. He d. in Shutesbury, Mass., May, 1804, at the age of 116 years. It is said he took no animal food for forty years, and was able to mow a good swath one hundred and one years in succession. At the time of his death, he could count fifteen hundred descendants.

- 1 MOSES PRATT, a grandson of Ephraim and Martha (Wheelock) Pratt, b. in Shutesbury, Mass., Aug. 12, 1765; m. Patty, dau. of James and Martha Banks, b. Nov. 25, 1779. They resided for many years in Marl. He d. June 4, 1855. His wife d. Aug. 16, 1854.
- 2 I. *Betsey*, b. Jan. 11, 1799; m., June 3, 1813, Porter White. She d. Dec. 3, 1831.
- 3 II. *Martha*, b. Nov. 27, 1801; d. March 28, 1862.
- 4 III. *Willard*, b. Nov. 8, 1803. +
- 5 IV. *Nancy*, b. Dec. 11, 1805; m. James Nason, *q.v.*
- 6 V. *Mary*, b. May 25, 1808; m. Moses Putney, *q.v.*
- 7 VI. *Ira*, b. June 6, 1814; d. 1818.
- 8 VII. *Albert*, b. Dec. 13, 1817; d. 1818.
- 9 VIII. *Laura*, b. Apr. 8, 1820; d. 1829.
- 10 IX. *Ira*, b. May 27, 1823. +
- 11 X. *Albert*, an adopted son, b. July 20, 1830. +
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- (4) WILLARD PRATT, son of Moses, m., Feb. 16, 1828, Sophronia Goodspeed, b. in Hubbardston, Mass., May 29, 1809. This family removed to New Ipswich, March, 1850, where Mrs. Pratt still resides. He d. Jan. 3, 1859.
- 12 I. *Mary A.*, b. Sept. 16, 1830; m., Jan. 28, 1848, Slocum Colman of Hubbardston, Mass.; resides in Gardner.
- 13 II. *Laura E.*, b. in Troy, July 26, 1832; m., Jan. 5, 1855, Joel Colman of Hubbardston; resides in Gardner.
- 14 III. *Sophronia G.*, b. in Troy, Sept. 18, 1833; m., Feb. 11, 1857, Stephen Bowker; resides in Royalston, Mass.

- 15 iv. *Catharine W.*, b. in Troy, Nov. 29, 1835; m. Philander Colman of Hubbardston. She d. Nov. 29, 1858.
- 16 v. *Charles II.*, b. July 14, 1838; m., Sept. 4, 1862, Abbie W. C. Simonds; resides in New Ipswich. He served three years in the late war, being a member of Co. G, 13th Reg. N.H. Vols.
- 17 vi. *David F.*, b. June 30, 1840; m., Nov. 24, 1864, Helen Weston; resides in Winchendon, Mass. He served three years in the 13th Reg. N.H. Vols.
- 18 vii. *Otis P.*, b. May 12, 1842; m., Oct. 24, 1867, Emma C. Ball; resides in Greenville.
- 19 viii. *Louisa L.*, b. May 27, 1844; m., May 27, 1872, William Hawkins of Wilton.
- 20 ix. *Edward W.*, b. in New Ipswich, Sept. 15, 1853.
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- (10) IRA PRATT, son of Moses, m. Lizzie A. Davis of Rockingham, Vt. She d. several years since.
- 21 i. *Mary Jane*, b. in Troy, Feb. 9, 1853; m. Richard Cram.
- 22 ii. *Ida May*, b. May 8, 1855; m. Francis Bates.
- 23 iii. *Minnie Adell*, b. in Keene, Sept. 9, 1863.
- 24 iv. *Myrtie Aurilla*, b. Feb. 3, 1867.
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- (11) ALBERT PRATT, adopted son of Moses, m., April 30, 1861, Nancy W., dau. of John W. and Nancy B. (Foster) Wheeler of Fitzwilliam. He now resides in Troy, where his wife d. May 13, 1875. Children b. in Troy.
- 25 i. *Fannie M.*, b. Sept. 20, 1865.
- 26 ii. *Edith M.*, b. 1869; d. July 9, 1871.
- 27 iii. *A son*, b. and d. Dec. 18, 1873.
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- 28 ASA PRATT (genealogy not traced) appears on the tax-list of 1794. He resided for a few years in a house which formerly stood in the orchard on the Newton farm, now owned by George Thatcher. We learn nothing respecting his family except that while residing here he had a child scalded to death.
- There was a Jared Pratt who resided in town for a few years about this time, who may have been one of this family.
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- 1 DANIEL PRIEST, son of Daniel and Betsey (Partrin) Priest was b. in Bolton, Mass., Dec. 17, 1773. His parents removed to Jaffrey soon after his birth. He m., March 25, 1802, Abigail, dau. of Dea. James and Betsey (Whitcomb) Flood, and resided for many years on the old Flood place now owned by the widow of Dea.

Augustus Smith. He was a carpenter, and a very good workman at that trade. Most of the houses built at that time were finished by him, and give evidence that he was an uncommonly skilful mechanic. He d. June 11, 1839.

- 2 I. *Gilman*, b. Aug. 14, 1803; d. May, 1849.
- 3 II. *Carroll*, b. Sept. 17, 1806; d. Dec. 20, 1810.
- 4 III. *Henry H.*, b. Oct. 6, 1810; m., May 1, 1839, Martha Coolidge of Gardner, where he now resides.
- 5 IV. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 1, 1812; m., May 3, 1838, David Brick of Gardner; d. in Fitchburg, June 6, 1842.
- 6 V. *Silas*, b. Aug. 14, 1814.+
- 7 VI. *Franklin F.*, b. March 7, 1818; m., May 28, 1845, Abbie Coolidge of Gardner, where he now resides. She d. Sept. 11, 1860.
- 8 VII. *Eliza*, b. Aug., 1819; m., Sept. 19, 1844, William Bruce; resides in Hudson, Mass.
- 9 VIII. *James*, b. June 28, 1821; m., Sept., 1845, Elvira Ray of Gardner; d. in California, 1862.

(6) SILAS PRIEST, son of Daniel, m., Dec., 1839, Nancy M. Wilder of Jaffrey, b. June 25, 1822. They resided in Marl. until about 1848, when they removed to Ashuelot. They now reside in Gardner, Mass. First four children b. in Marl., the rest in Ashuelot.

- 10 I. *Nancy*, b. Sept. 9, 1840; m. Logan Burt of Winchester.
- 11 II. *Maria S.*, b. May 23, 1842.
- 12 III. *Eliza A.*, b. Dec. 27, 1843; m. Joel Blanden of Troy.
- 13 IV. *William Henry*, b. July 15, 1845; m. Nellie Phillips of Ashuelot.
- 14 V. *Abbie A.*, b. Sept. 22, 1849; m. (1st) George Capron of Troy. He d., and she m. (2d) Emmet Fitch, *q.v.*
- 15 VI. *James G.*, b. Aug. 6, 1851; d. Dec. 12, 1857.
- 16 VII. *Florence A.*, b. May 5, 1854; d. June 7, 1855.
- 17 VIII. *Anna*, b. Oct. 13, 1855; m. Henry Tenney of Winchendon.
- 18 IX. *Rose E.*, b. Oct. 17, 1857; m. Albert Cushing of Baldwinsville.
- 19 X. *Frank S.*, b. July 18, 1859.
- 20 XI. *Fred C.*, b. Aug. 26, 1861.
- 21 XII. *Minnie E.*, b. Feb. 29, 1864.

22 ABRAHAM PRIEST, a brother of Daniel, m. Huldah Wells. Came to Marl. to reside in 1809. He was fond

of relating improbable stories, of which the following will serve as a sample: "When I was down below, sir, I saw a machine for making nail-hammers, which was worked by two horses. A junk of iron of a ton's weight was put into a hopper at the top, alongside a piece of wood, and the hammers came out at the bottom all handled and ready for use, just about as fast as you can count, sir." They had one child.

- 23 1. *Laurana*, b. Apr. 2, 1811; m. Luke Parkhurst, *q.v.*

1 JACOB PROCTOR is the eldest of a family of three brothers and four sisters, children of Edmund and Elizabeth (Goodrich) Proctor of Lunenburg, Mass. Edmund Proctor was the second son of Nathaniel and Mercy (Russell) Proctor of Littleton, Mass. The ancestor of the Proctor family was one of five brothers who came from England, and settled in Littleton and vicinity. Subsequently, a branch of the family settled in that part of Cavendish, Vt., known as Proctorsville. Jacob Proctor was b. in Lunenburg, Mass., Feb. 20, 1816, m., Jan. 27, 1848, Nancy, dau. of James Bowers of South Acworth, b. in Marlow, Dec. 18, 1816. He came from Nelson to this town in 1867.

- 2 1. *Edmund J.*, b. in New Ipswich, Aug. 4, 1849; um.
3 2. *Anna E.*, b. in South Acworth, Feb. 9, 1857; um.

1 MOSES PUTNEY, son of Jedediah and Abigail (Knights) Putney, b. in Fitzwilliam, May 12, 1812; m., Feb. 17, 1841, Mary, dau. of Moses and Patty (Banks) Pratt. He came to Marl. to reside in 1858.

- 2 1. { *Mary L.*, b. Aug. 23, 1842; m. Henry A.
 Atherton, *q.v.*
3 2. Twins. { *Martha L.*, b. Aug. 23, 1842; d. Sept. 2,
 1842.
4 3. *Elizabeth M.*, b. Sept. 18, 1845; m. Henry A.
 Atherton, *q.v.*
5 4. *Sarah A.*, b. Aug. 30, 1847; d. Jan. 9, 1865.
6 5. *Susan M.*, b. Oct. 13, 1849; um.

1 SUMNER RAYMOND, son of Paul and Sarah (Gale) Raymond, was b. in Winchendon, Apr. 5, 1799. He was a tanner, and resided for several years in Rindge, from which place he came to Marl., and located on the farm now owned by Henry Esty. He m., Dec. 19, 1824, Irene, dau. of Dr. Thomas and Rebecca (Green) Jewett of Rindge, who d. Aug. 29, 1847; and he m. (2d) Ann C. Willis of Winchester. He d. in Moline, Ill., Jan. 20,

1869; and his widow m. (2d) Samuel Parsons, who d. about 1875. She now resides in Vernon, Vt. Children by first wife.

- 2 I. *Elmira Green*, b. Nov. 29, 1825; m., 1850, Franklin J. Carlton. She d. in Shirley, Mass., Apr. 24, 1857.
- 3 II. *Cynthia Anne*, b. Jan. 25, 1829; m., July 19, 1853, Charles R. Whitcomb; resides in Winchendon.
- 4 III. *Thomas*, b. May 2, 1831; m. at Moline, Ill., 1856, Hannah Lawton.
- 5 IV. Twins. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{Thomas}, \text{ b. May 2, 1831; d. June 25, } \\ \textit{Rebecca}, \text{ b. May 2, 1831; d. June 25, } \\ \text{1832.} \end{array} \right.$
- 6 V. *William*, b. Oct. 21, 1833; d. in Moline, Ill., Apr. 29, 1860.
- 7 VI. *Samuel*, b. in Bellows Falls, Vt., March 10, 1839; was a member of the 3d Minn. Vols.; d. on board the steamer "Undine," bound for Fort Donaldson, March 22, 1862.

- 1 EBENEZER RHODES came from Walpole, Mass., about 1770, and was the first settler on the farm now owned by Levi Jones. His wife was Sarah Page, a sister of Libieus Page. She d. Oct. 6, 1821, æ. 76. He d. July 4, 1825, æ. 80.
- 2 I. *Ebenezer*, b. March 13, 1768.†
 - 3 II. *Sarah*, b. Apr. 11, 1770; d. 1777.
 - 4 III. *Deliverance*, b. Feb. 8, 1772; m. Jonathan Bemis, *q.v.*
 - 5 IV. *Thomas*, b. Jan. 6, 1773; d. Apr. 11, 1790.
 - 6 V. *Lois*, b. May 1, 1775; m. Timothy Bemis, *q.v.*
 - 7 VI. *Sally*, b. Jan. 31, 1776; d. in infancy.
 - 8 VII. *Anna*, b. Aug. 9, 1779; d. Feb. 2, 1844, um.
 - 9 VIII. *Libieus*, b. Apr. 10, 1781.†
 - 10 IX. *Silas*, b. Sept. 24, 1782.†
 - 11 X. *Stephen*, b. Sept. 14, 1784; m., Dec. 14, 1808, Ruth, dau. of Daniel and Lydia (Smith) Ball; removed to the State of New York. He had two children b. in Marl.
 - 12 1. *Mary*, b. Dec. 19, 1809.
 - 13 2. *George*, b. Sept. 3, 1810.
 - 14 XI. *Justus*, b. Jan. 18, 1787.†

- (2) EBENEZER RHODES, son of Ebenezer, m. Sarah, dau. of Robert and Sarah (Newton) Converse. They were m. by the Rev. Mr. Hall of Keene, who received a quantity of beans for the marriage fee. He was the first settler on the farm now owned by Elijah Gates, but removed to Windham, Vt., about 1800. Tradition tells us there

were fourteen children in this family, but the names of only two are found upon the town records.

- 15 i. *Chloa*, b. July 14, 1790.
16 ii. *Ebenezer*, b. Sept. 13, 1792.
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- (9) LIBIEUS RHODES, son of Ebenezer, m., Dec. 30, 1800, Relief, dau. of Daniel and Lydia (Smith) Ball. She d. Dec. 26, 1842. He d. 1864.
- 17 i. *Sarah*, b. May 17, 1802; m. John Cummings of Athol, Mass.; d. July 20, 1846.
18 ii. *Nancy*, b. Nov. 18, 1803; m. William Butler of Pennsylvania; d. Nov. 17, 1836.
19 iii. *Thomas*, b. Jan. 13, 1806; m. Eliza Edson of Andover, Vt.; d. June 23, 1872.
20 iv. *Robert*, b. June 28, 1807; m., Jan. 1, 1830, Aseneth Abbott of Andover, Vt.; resides in Dresden, N.Y.
21 v. *Stillman*, b. Oct. 29, 1809; resides in Eastport, Me.
22 vi. *Dulcena*, b. July 15, 1811; m., Feb. 22, 1834, Joel Howard of Andover, Vt.
23 vii. *Philinda*, b. Nov. 10, 1813; m., Jan. 1, 1835, Nathan Mann.
24 viii. *Sophia C.*, b. Jan. 6, 1815; m., Jan. 1, 1836, Charles Cummings of Athol, Mass.
25 ix. *Aaron A.*, b. Dec. 24, 1819; m., Nov. 2, 1841, Susan, dau. of Reuben and Anna (Cass) Mann; resides in Windham, Vt.
26 x. *Charles W.*, b. Feb. 24, 1824; m. Sarah T. Grosvenor of Paxton, Mass.; resides in Lancaster, Mass.
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- (10) SILAS RHODES, son of Ebenezer, m., Aug. 19, 1804, Beulah, dau. of Benjamin and Rhaney (Harvey) Thatcher, who d. Nov. 3, 1826. In 1830, he removed with his family to Malone, N.Y., where he resided two years, thence to Cleveland, Ohio, where he m. (2d), Dec. 27, 1836, Ruth Ann Sawyer. He d. July 6, 1859. Children by first wife.
- 27 i. *Cyrus*, b. Apr. 25, 1805; resided for many years in Swanton, Vt.
28 ii. *Rufus*, b. Nov. 4, 1806; m. Eveline Wheeler of Keene, who d. Oct. 30, 1871, æ. 64. He resides in Stockholm, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y.
29 iii. *Roxanna*, b. Aug. 12, 1808; m. Joseph Merrill; removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where she d. June 14, 1844.
30 iv. *Marinda*, b. May 16, 1810; d. Aug. 26, 1816.
31 v. *Aaron*, b. May 31, 1812; d. May 22, 1813.

- 32 VI. *Harriet*, b. Nov. 20, 1814; m. Simeon Morey; d. Sept. 27, 1845.
- 33 VII. *Silas*, b. Dec. 20, 1816; resides in St. Francis, Cal.; is a mason by trade.
- 34 VIII. *Charles*, b. Feb. 27, 1819; m. Nancy Pitman; resides in St. Francis, Cal.; is a mason by trade.
- 35 IX. *Levi*, b. Feb. 1, 1821. He resided in Cleveland, until the Mexican war, when he received from James K. Polk a commission in the army, and went to Mexico, where he d. July 4, 1847.
- 36 X. *Edwin B.*, b. Apr. 23, 1823; m. Jane Harris; is a merchant; resides in Solon, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio.
- 37 XI. *James*, b. Aug. 16, 1825; resides in Cleveland. Children by second wife.
- 38 XII. *Fanny Delila*, b. May 29, 1838; d. July 13, 1839.
- 39 XIII. *Alvin*, b. Dec. 24, 1840; resides in Sidney, Ill.
- 40 XIV. *Lovina*, b. Jan. 10, 1845; d. Jan. 29, 1846.
- 41 XV. *Herman*, b. March 10, 1847; resides in Jacksonville, Ark.
- 42 XVI. *Reuben H.*, b. May 10, 1851; resides in Illinois.

(14) JUSTUS RHODES, son of Ebenezer, m. Sophia —, and d. Sept. 17, 1828. A son of his, living in New York, was written to for a record of the family, and replied that he possessed all the record there was, which he would forward when it could be made to appear what the family had to do with the history of the town now they had left it. The birth of one child only is on the town records.

I. *Justus Addison*, b. June 3, 1807.

RICHARDSON.

The Richardsons of New England are mostly descendants of three brothers, Ezekiel, Samuel, and Thomas, who came to this country from England, Ezekiel in 1630, and his two brothers soon after. Samuel came in the fleet with Winthrop, 1636, and settled first in Charlestown, Mass. In 1641, he, with his two brothers and several others, went to Woburn and commenced a settlement, but did not move their families until the following year. The church in Woburn was constituted Aug. 14, 1642. These three brothers and four others were the "seven pillars" (Proverbs ix., 1). They were the nucleus around which the new church was to be gathered, and to them was committed the responsible duty of deciding who should belong to it. Samuel Richardson m. Joanna —. He d. March 23, 1658. They had eight children. Lieut. John, the eldest son, baptized in Charlestown, Mass., Nov. 12, 1639, m. (1st), Oct. 22, 1658, Elizabeth, dau. of Michael Bacon of Woburn, b. Jan. 4, 1641-42. He m. (2d) Mary, dau. of Bartholomew and Ursula Pierson. He m. (3d) Margaret Willing, who d. Oct. 28, 1726. He was a soldier in King Philip's War, 1675-76. He d. Jan. 1, 1696-97. His son Jacob, b. Feb. 15, 1675-

76, m., Nov. 9, 1697, Hannah Converse, b. June 12, 1680, d. Sept. 7, 1748. He d. in Woburn, Aug. 9, 1763. Edward, son of Jacob, b. March 12, 1705, m., April 14, 1730, Jerusha Wyman, b. in Woburn, July 23, 1712. He resided in Woburn till 1735 or later, and then removed to Reading. He d. June 22, 1793. His wife d. Apr. 10, 1782. His son Barnabas, b. in Woburn, March 16, 1733-34, m., June 14, 1758, Rebecca Tidd, b. May 11, 1738, d. Jan. 14, 1788. He was a cooper, and resided in Woburn, where he d. Jan. 5, 1816. Abijah, son of Barnabas, b. in Woburn, March 20, 1761, m., March 5, 1789, Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph and Abigail (Felton) Richardson, b. Feb. 23, 1763. In 1791 or 1792, he removed with his family to Peterborough, and thence in 1794 to Dublin, where he d. July 12, 1840. His wife d. Jan. 9, 1853.

Dea. Abijah Richardson, eldest son of Abijah and Elizabeth Richardson of Dublin, b. in Woburn, Aug. 1, 1789, m., Apr. 29, 1819, Mary Hay, b. 1796. He was for many years a deacon of the Orthodox Church in Dublin. His son, Samuel A. Richardson, M.D., is numbered 54 in the following register.

Samuel, the third son of Samuel and Joanna Richardson of Woburn, b. May 22, 1646, was four times married, and had fifteen children. A hostile incursion was made by the Indians Apr. 12, 1676, when his first wife and two of his children were cruelly slain while he was at work in the field. He passed his life in Woburn, and d. Apr. 29, 1712. By his fourth wife, Sarah Howard, he had Thomas, b. Sept. 25, 1684, m., Sept. 29, 1713, Rebecca, dau. of Samuel and Rebecca (Johnson) Wyman, b. Nov. 11, 1693. He was in Lovewell's fight at Pigwacket, May 8, 1725, and was one of the nine who escaped unhurt. He d. in Woburn, Jan. 12, 1774. His son Israel is number 1 in the register.

Thomas Richardson, the youngest of the three brothers, came from England about 1635, and settled first in Charlestown, but removed to Woburn in 1641, and d. Aug. 28, 1651. His wife, Mary, survived him, and became the second wife of Michael Bacon of Woburn. She d. May 19, 1670. Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary Richardson, b. in Woburn, Oct. 4, 1645, m. (1st), in Cambridge, Jan. 5, 1669-70, Mary Stimpson, who d. June 7, 1690; and he m. (2d) in Billerica, Dec. 29, 1690, Sarah Patten. He removed to Billerica about the year 1667, and d. there Feb. 25, 1720-21. Nathaniel, son of Thomas and Mary (Stimpson) Richardson, b. in Billerica, Jan. 25, 1679-80, m., May 7, 1703, Mary Peacock, who d. Oct. 18, 1756. He d. Apr. 4, 1753. Their third son, William, b. in Billerica, May 5, 1713, m., Dec. 9, 1742, Mary Hobert of Groton. He resided in Townsend, where he d. Apr. 30, 1773. His wife d. Sept. 2, 1763. Abel, third son of William and Mary (Hobert) Richardson, b. in Townsend, Apr. 22, 1751, m., March 6, 1783, Tabatha Bennett of Hollis, N.H. He settled in Ashby, where he d. Dec. 7, 1843. His wife d. March 14, 1839. His son William, b. in Ashby, June 27, 1791, m., 1815, Rebecca Lawrence, b. in Ashby, Feb. 3, 1797. She d., and he m. (2d), about 1835, Polly (Barrett) Wiggin, a widow. He resided for many years in Ashby, but late in life he removed to Ashburnham, where he d. Dec. 3, 1872. His son, Ivers L. Richardson, is number 56 in the register.

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- 1 | ISRAEL RICHARDSON, the ninth son and eleventh child of Thomas and Rebecca (Wyman) Richardson, b. in Woburn, Aug. 2, 1730; m. (1st), Aug. 13, 1762, Elizabeth Hutchinson of Sutton. He was a carpenter by trade, but devoted the principal part of his time to farming. He settled first in Templeton, where all his children were b.

He came to Marl. in 1788, and located on the farm now owned by his grandson, Stillman Richardson.

- 2 i. *Betsey*, b. June 3, 1765 ; m., 1785, William Cutler ;
 d. in Charlemont, Mass., Aug. 22, 1837.
- 3 ii. *Joanna*, bap. July 27, 1766 ; m., about 1787, Ebenezer
 Eaton. He d., and she m. (2d), about 1800,
 Simeon Metcalf ; d. in Barre, Mass., 1803.
- 4 iii. *Hannah*, b. 1768 ; m., May 23, 1791, William
 Morse ; d. in Hubbardston, Mass., Nov. 25,
 1809.
- 5 iv. *Azubah*, bap. Apr. 17, 1769 ; m., May 23, 1787,
 Levi Stockwell of Athol.
- 6 v. *Rebecca*, b. 1770 ; m. Elisha Hunt ; settled in
 Florida, Mass., where she d. Apr. 30, 1850.
- 7 vi. *Sally*, bap. May 2, 1773.
- 8 vii. *Nathaniel*, b. March 11, 1777. +
- 9 viii. *Ruth*, bap. May 10, 1778.
- 10 ix. *Artemas*, b. Feb. 17, 1780 ; m., Nov. 23, 1801,
 Nancy Richardson ; she d., and he m. (2d), May
 23, 1804, Mary Thompson, b. in Buxton, Me.,
 Oct. 4, 1779 ; settled in Maine, where he d. June
 13, 1844.

Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson d. before the removal of the family to Marl. ; and Israel m. (2d) Mirriam Wheeler, a sister of Capt. David Wheeler of this town, b. in Marl., Mass., Dec. 4, 1746, d. June 28, 1836. He d. Nov. 3, 1815.

- 11 x. *Lydia*, b. Sept. 29, 1784 ; m. Francis Lowell of
 Washington, N.H. She caused to be erected
 the first house in that part of the town known
 as Lowellville, and from her that village takes
 its name. She d. Dec. 8, 1867.
- 12 1. Eunice, b. 1806 ; m. Joseph Collins, *q.v.*

(8) NATHANIEL RICHARDSON, son of Israel, m., 1807,
 Sarah, dau. of William Barker of Nelson, b. July 10,
 1784 ; settled on the home farm, where he d. Nov. 16,
 1843. His widow d. Apr. 16, 1849.

- 13 i. *William*, b. Jan. 18, 1808. +
- 14 ii. *George*, b. Nov. 18, 1809 ; d. Dec. 18, 1858, um.
- 15 iii. *Darius*, b. Sept. 8, 1811. +
- 16 iv. *Mary*, b. Jan. 10, 1814 ; m., July 23, 1845, Joab
 F. Adams of Winchester, where they now
 reside.
- 17 v. *Artemas*, b. Feb. 29, 1816. +
- 18 vi. *Lovisa B.*, b. July 10, 1818 ; m. Christopher
 Tilden, *q.v.*

- 19 VII. *Stillman*, b. Dec. 25, 1820.†
 20 VIII. *Charles*, b. Dec. 2, 1822; m., May 14, 1860,
 Rebecca Hardy of Hollis, b. Aug. 12, 1826; re-
 sides in Hollis. They have two adopted chil-
 dren.
- 21 1. Albert H., b. March 28, 1858.
 22 2. Carrie E., b. Aug. 19, 1860.
- 23 IX. *Hannah*, b. Aug. 12, 1825; m. Thompson H.
 Richardson, *q.v.*
- 24 X. *Horatio*, b. Jan. 5, 1827; d. Jan. 8, 1827.
 25 XI. *Reuel N.*, b. July 12, 1830; m., June 20, 1854,
 Ann B. Duncklee, b. in Marlboro, Vt., Feb. 29,
 1832. He d. at Williamstown, Vt., July 18,
 1856. His widow d. Dec. 15, 1859.
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- (13) WILLIAM RICHARDSON, son of Nathaniel, m., Apr. 26,
 1836, Harriet, dau. of William and Betsey (Needham)
 Greenwood; settled first in Marl.; removed to Dublin
 1844, where he resided until April, 1864, when he
 returned to Marl., where he still resides. His wife d.
 Aug. 5, 1864. Children, the two eldest b. in Marl., the
 remainder in Dublin.
- 26 I. *Warren W.*, b. Oct. 12, 1837; m., Oct. 8, 1863,
 Hannah E., adopted dau. of David and Betsey
 (Parker) McIntire.
- 27 1. Frank M., b. March 20, 1868; d. May 28,
 1873.
 28 2. Earnest B., b. Dec. 28, 1870; d. June 21,
 1878.
 29 3. Gracie May, b. Apr. 6, 1872.
- 30 II. *Caroline G.*, b. Oct. 12, 1839; m., Jan. 4, 1860,
 J. Franklin Mason; resides in Harrisville.
- 31 III. *Herbert W.*, b. Sept. 4, 1845.
 32 IV. *Edwin G.*, b. Nov. 11, 1850; d. July 27, 1873.
 33 V. *Ervin*, b. Sept. 19, 1853; d. Jan. 8, 1854.
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- (15) DARIUS RICHARDSON, son of Nathaniel, m. (1st), May
 9, 1839, Rebecca D., dau. of Sewell and Rebecca Page,
 b. Aug., 1819, d. Nov. 11, 1849.
- 34 I. *Henry D.*, b. Jan. 10, 1840; um.
 35 II. *Delevan C.*, b. Sept. 17, 1842; m., Sept. 19, 1871,
 Sarah Edna, dau. of Josiah H. and Martha (Ma-
 son) Knight.
- 36 1. Katie M., b. July 11, 1872.
- 87 III. *Sarah R.*, b. March 3, 1847; m., Apr. 12, 1864,
 J. Appleton Mason; resides in Harrisville.
 Mr. Richardson m. (2d), Sept. 24, 1850, Ruth T., dau.

of Josiah and Olive (Parmenter) Woodward, who d. Nov. 10, 1879.

- 38 iv. *Ella D.*, b. July 6, 1852; m., Jan. 24, 1874, Wilber F. Wallace.

(17) ARTEMAS RICHARDSON, son of Nathaniel, m., Feb. 1, 1841, Lovina G. Bemis of Windham, Vt., b. Aug. 20, 1821.

- 39 i. *Lucius J.*, b. Jan. 30, 1842; m., Jan. 1, 1867, Emily R. Hill of Winchester. He d. Jan. 6, 1868.

- 40 ii. *Charles E.*, b. Dec. 2, 1845; m., Nov. 1, 1865, Louisa C., dau. of Matthew and Nancy W. (Adams) Richardson.

- 41 1. Frank A., b. Sept. 9, 1866.

- 42 2. Forrest E., b. Aug. 24, 1868.

- 43 iii. *Ellen L.*, b. Nov. 9, 1847; m., Aug. 30, 1877, Noyes G. Harrington; resides in Leominster, Mass.

- 44 iv. *Anna E.*, b. Dec. 15, 1851; d. Dec. 14, 1869.

(19) STILLMAN RICHARDSON, son of Nathaniel, m., June 5, 1850, Sarah P., dau. of Daniel and Aseneth (English) French, b. in Orford, Dec. 12, 1822. After residing a few years in Maine, he returned to Marl., and located on the old homestead, where he still resides.

- 45 i. *Daniel L.*, b. in Hiram, Me., Sept. 19, 1851; m., December 9, 1880, Louisa C., dau. of Matthew and Nancy (Adams) Richardson.

- 46 ii. *Martha A.*, b. in Hiram, Me., March 11, 1854; d. March 8, 1855.

- 47 iii. *Martha A.*, b. in Hiram, Me., Feb. 29, 1856; d. Dec. 13, 1856.

- 48 iv. *Ann L.*, b. in Marl., Jan. 3, 1858; m., Apr. 24, 1879, Charles F. Hayes.

- 49 v. *George Orson*, b. in Marl., Dec. 13, 1859.

50 THOMPSON H. RICHARDSON, son of Artemas and Mary (Thompson) Richardson, b. in Baldwin, Me., March 20, 1819; m., Feb. 4, 1845, Hannah, dau. of Nathaniel and Sarah (Barker) Richardson. He resided for some years in Hiram, Me., then removed to Marl., where he now resides. Ten years of his life were spent among the gold mines of California.

- 51 i. *Horatio S.*, b. May 21, 1846; m., Aug. 20, 1872, Ella C., dau. of Franklin R. and Fannie (Holman) Thurston. He is a druggist in Cambridgeport, Mass.

- 52 ii. *Leroy B.*, b. Dec. 17, 1847; d. May 14, 1849.
 53 iii. *Emma*, b. May 7, 1850; um.
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- 54 SAMUEL A. RICHARDSON, M.D., son of Dea. Abijah and Mary (Hays) Richardson of Dublin, b. Dec. 23, 1830; m., Dec. 18, 1856, Mary Jane, dau. of Dr. Charles W. and Mary (Griffin) Whitney of Troy, b. Aug. 13, 1830. He settled in Marl. as a physician, 1855. (See Chap. XII.)
- 55 i. *Mary Bell*, b. Apr. 12, 1861; d. Dec. 16, 1872.
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- 56 IVERS L. RICHARDSON, son of William and Rebecca (Lawrence) Richardson, b. in Ashby, Aug. 23, 1815, came to Marl. in 1843, and June 2, 1847, he m. Elmina W., dau. of Levi and Permilla (Porter) Gates.
- 57 i. *Levi Ivers*, b. July 10, 1848.
 58 ii. *Ann Janet*, b. March 5, 1850; d. March 14, 1850.
 59 iii. *Oren William*, b. Dec. 26, 1853.
 60 iv. *Jennie Anna*, b. Nov. 24, 1855.
 61 v. *Nellie Maria*, b. July 27, 1860; d. Oct. 26, 1864.

THOMAS RICHARDSON from Attleboro resided for some time in Nelson, where his wife Esther d. Feb. 5, 1795, æ. 69. He afterwards m. Judith —, who d. 1809, æ. 79. He d. May 5, 1806, æ. 82. The children of Thomas and Esther Richardson were John, b. Aug. 14, 1750, Amos, b. Oct. 6, 1755, Sarah, b. Dec. 12, 1757, Charity, b. May 12, 1761, all b. in Attleboro. John Richardson m. Dorothy Vining; settled in Nelson, where he d. Aug. 14, 1814. His wife survived him, and d. Jan. 4, 1833, æ. 81. They had thirteen children, among whom was Matthew, who m. Nancy Brackett; resided for a short time in Boston, and then returned to Nelson, where he spent the remainder of his days.

- 62 MATTHEW RICHARDSON, son of Matthew and Nancy (Brackett) Richardson, b. in Boston, May 30, 1812; m. Nancy W. Adams, b. May 30, 1819, d. July 28, 1879. For the most part of his life, he resided in Nelson, but came to Marl. in 1864, where he has since resided.
- 63 i. *Joseph May*, b. in Nelson, Aug. 31, 1839; m., July 13, 1862, Melvina, dau. of Sterns and Nancy (Smith) Tarbox. He was a member of Co. G, 16th Reg. N.H. Vols.; served nine months; came to Marl. to reside in 1863. They have one adopted child.
- 64 1. John Wardwell, b. Feb. 1, 1875.
- 65 ii. *James F.*, b. in Keene, July 7, 1842; m. Mary Darling of Dublin. He was a member of Co. G, 2d Reg. N.H. Vols; served three years.
- 66 iii. *Louisa C.*, b. in Nelson, June 9, 1849; m. (1st) Charles E. Richardson, *q.v.*; and (2d), Dec. 9, 1880, Daniel L. Richardson.

- 67 | iv. *Edward Payson*, b. in Nelson, Nov. 16, 1851; m.,
Nov. 2, 1870, *Nettie A.*, dau. of John and Mary
(Batcheller) King of South Royalston, Mass.,
b. May 26, 1852.
- 68 | 1. *Willie Joseph*, b. in Winchendon, Dec. 25,
1872; d. in Marl., Feb. 19, 1873.
- 69 | 2. *Grace Louise*, b. in Marl., June 4, 1874.
- 70 | 3. *J. Herbert*, b. in Marl., July 27, 1876.

1 | THOMAS RIGGS settled on the Sargent place at an early
date. His name appears on the town records in 1767,
when he was chosen one of a committee of five to locate
a "burying-yard." He was a shoemaker by trade, but
devoted his time chiefly to farming. He held many im-
portant offices, and was one of the board of selectmen
when the town was incorporated. He d. March 3, 1779.
He with two of his family were buried on the farm east
of the present buildings. His widow m., Sept. 7, 1786,
Moses Pratt of Dublin.

2 | i. *James*, b. Aug. 10, 1770.

3 | ii. *John Gill*, b. May 26, 1772; m. *Esther*, dau. of
Thomas and Molly White of Dublin.

4 | 1. *Josiah*, b. 1795.

5 | 2. *Esther*, b. 1797.

6 | 3. *Ephraim*, b. 1799.

7 | 4. *Lucinda*, b. 1801.

8 | iii. *Moses*, b. Oct. 15, 1774; m. *Esther Adams* of
Dublin.

9 | iv. *Sally*, b. Jan. 8, 1776.

1 | BENONI ROBBINS came from Attleboro, Mass., about
1770, and purchased the farm now owned by *Ivory E.*
Gates. The Robbins brook derived its name from him.
In 1788, he exchanged farms with *Phineas Farrar*, and
took up his abode in the south-east part of the town.
His trade was that of a cooper. Mr. Robbins is said to
have been a man of more than ordinary physical power,
of which he was too apt to make a vain display. He
seemed to suppose that a constitution so firm was a sure
guarantee of a long life; and, when in 1801 he contracted
the small-pox, he at first looked upon the disease as a
trivial thing, which his vital energies would soon over-
come, but, as it steadily progressed, and he saw his sys-
tem gradually yielding to its power, he was led to see the
folly of his reliance, and died in the most heart-rending
agony. He had several children, but we have been un-
able to obtain their record.

- 2 ISAAC ROBBINS, a son of Benoni, m. Mary Barker, probably a dau. of William Barker, and had the following children b. in Marl.
- 3 I. *Olive*, b. Nov. 9, 1787.
- 4 II. *Patty*, b. Dec. 27, 1788; d. Apr. 16, 1790.
- 5 III. *Anna*, b. June 17, 1790.
- 6 IV. *William*, b. Aug. 8, 1791.
- 7 V. *Peleg*, b. Apr. 20, 1793.
- 8 VI. *Samuel*, b. Oct. 1, 1794.
- 9 VII. *Polly*, b. May 4, 1797.
- 10 VIII. *A child*, b. Nov. 3, 1798.
- 11 IX. *Roswel*, b. Feb. 18, 1802.
- 12 X. *Reuel*, b. May 20, 1803.
- 13 XI. *Richard*, b. Feb. 5, 1805.
- 14 XII. *Rufus*, b. May 11, 1807.
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- 15 AMOS ROBBINS, b. in Nelson, Sept. 12, 1803; m., Feb. 23, 1826, Philena Priest, b. in Brownington, Vt., Oct. 9, 1806. He came to Marl. to reside about 1832. He also resided at different times in Keene, Swanzey, Jaffrey, and Nelson, where he d. Feb. 26, 1870. His widow now resides in Harrisville.
- 16 I. *Levi E.*, b. in Nelson, Nov. 20, 1827; d. July 31, 1829.
- 17 II. *Levi E.*, b. in Nelson, Dec. 25, 1829; m., November, 1850, Amanda Martin of Barton, Vt. He d. Apr. 24, 1864.
- 18 III. *Eveline E.*, b. in Nelson, Feb. 13, 1831; d. March 8, 1832.
- 19 IV. *George W.*, b. in Marl., March 31, 1833; m., Jan. 31, 1856, Rosana Lewis of Bridgewater, Vt.; she d. in Morgan, Vt., Oct. 16, 1863; and he m. (2d), Nov. 18, 1869, Katy Packard of Quincy, Mass.; resides in Nelson.
- 20 V. *Charles G.*, b. in Marl., Aug. 31, 1834; m., (1st), Jan., 1854, Adeline Bemis of Morgan, Vt., and (2d), Oct., 1860, Augusta Perry of Dublin; resides in Morgan, Vt.
- 21 VI. *Elvira E.*, b. in Jaffrey, Jan. 31, 1836; d. Apr. 6, 1845.
- 22 VII. *Mary J.*, b. in Roxbury, July 2, 1838; d. Apr. 6, 1845.
- 23 VIII. *Francis H.*, b. in Marl., Sept. 6, 1840; m., October, 1867, Hannah Lawrence of Holland, Vt., where he now resides.
- 24 IX. *Minot H.*, b. in Keene, July 2, 1842; m., Oct. 10, 1870, Julia Albee of Morgan, Vt.; resided in Harrisville, where he d. April 26, 1880.
- 25 X. *Almira*, b. in Marl., Sept. 12, 1844; d. Apr. 12, 1845.

- 26 | xi. *Horace H.*, b. in Marl., May 2, 1846; m., Feb. 16, 1871, Henrietta J., dau. of Rufus and Louisa (Barns) Day of Nelson, b. Nov. 29, 1845; resides in Nelson.
- 27 | xii. *Alma*, b. in Swanzey, Jan. 13, 1849; m., Sept. 7, 1867, Henry D. Holmes of Harrisville.

1 | COL. RICHARD ROBERTS was from Bolton, Mass. He m., Feb. 9, 1765, Sybil Goodenow, b. May 31, 1747. He came to Marl. to reside in 1768, and located first where Hamilton Parker now resides in Troy. He afterwards lived in several different places in town, and at the time of his death he resided on the place now occupied by C. H. Caldwell. Col. Roberts was a man of ordinary height, but very corpulent, with a stern, commanding appearance, and withal a benevolent disposition; and, having a larger amount of wealth than most of his neighbors, he was able to assist the poor in many ways. He was a man of untiring energy; and, in nearly all the public business of the town, he acted a conspicuous part, thus showing the estimation in which he was held by those who had the best means of knowing his real merit. He d. in his chaise, Sept. 10, 1801, while returning from Keene, and was found by the side of the road near the village of South Keene.

- 2 | i. *Zilpha*, ———; m. Col. Joseph Frost, *q.v.*
- 3 | ii. *Phebe*, b. Apr. 25, 1772; m., 1789, Benjamin Frost, *q.v.*; he d., and she m. (2d), Jan. 4, 1803, Henry Morse of Swanzey.
- 4 | iii. *Lucinda*, b. Dec. 4, 1776; m., March 7, 1796, Thomas Benney of Westminster, Vt.
- 5 | iv. *An infant son*, who d. in 1777.

1 | JONAS ROBERSON was a native of Bedford, Mass. He came to Marl. in the spring of 1794, and located in what is now Troy, where he kept a store for several years. (See Chap. XI.) He m., Sept. 6, 1796, Elizabeth, dau. of Reuben and Sarah (Kendall) Ward. He removed to Fitzwilliam in 1806; and d. August, 1819.

- 2 | i. *Eliza*, ———; m. Dr. Wills, and removed to the West.
- 3 | ii. *Jonas*.
- 4 | iii. *Maria*, m. D. B. Clark of New Milford, Conn.
- 5 | iv. *John*, d., æ. 30.
- 6 | v. *Abel B.*

1 | PETER ROES, from Coventry, Ct., was in town as early as 1793, in which year he was chosen constable and collector, to collect the taxes for the sum of three

pounds and six shillings. His name frequently appears on the records, with the prefix "Doct." to his name; but we cannot say that he was a regular, practising physician. That he was not faithful to his trust as collector is seen from the fact that in the warrant for a town-meeting, in Feb., 1794, there appeared the following article, "To chuse a constable and collector for to collect the Taxes for the year A.D. 1793, that was Delivered to Peter Rose to collect, for by the means of his absconding from this Town there is no constable nor collector as the Law Directs."

- 1 JOHN ROGERS was b. in Westboro, Mass., Nov. 13, 1747. His descendants claim that he was the twelfth generation from John Rogers, the martyr, who was burned at the stake in Smithfield, England. He m., 1769, Esther Ball, b. in Grafton, Mass., Dec. 9, 1745. At what time he became a settler here we have not learned, but it was previous to 1773. We cannot point out his place of residence until 1780, in which year he was living in a log house at the "Goodenough knoll," so called, near where J. Merrill Davis has since resided. His wife d. Dec. 13, 1811. He then went to reside with his son-in-law, Capt. Shubael Stone, where he d. June 4, 1827. Mr. Rogers is represented as being a strong, active man, and withal a great hunter, spending a large proportion of his time in pursuit of game.
- 2 I. *Polly*, b. Jan. 31, 1770; m. Shubael Stone, *q.v.*
- 3 II. *John*, b. Apr. 1, 1772; d. May 18, 1796.
- 4 III. *Eli*, b. Apr. 25, 1774; d. in Watertown, N.Y., in 1817.
- 5 IV. *Thomas*, b. June 15, 1776; d. Nov. 17, 1778.
- 6 V. *Josiah*, b. Aug. 22, 1778; removed to Scio, N.Y.
- 7 VI. *Esther*, b. Aug. 12, 1780; m. Ephraim Keyes; removed to Ohio.
- 8 VII. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 26, 1782; m., Aug. 17, 1800, George Goodenow; removed to Pisa, N.Y.
- 9 VIII. *Abijah*, b. March 9, 1785.
- 10 IX. *Sally*, b. March 12, 1789; m. Silas Coffin of Winchester, and removed to Rindge.

- 1 EPHRAIM ROOT came from Coventry, Conn., and settled in what is now Troy village. He built a saw-mill a little below the one since owned by Charles Carpenter. For some years, he was one of the most prominent men in that part of the town, and with his sons-in-law gave quite an impetus to the business of the place. But, for some reason, he was not successful in the prosecution of his plans, became embarrassed in his financial affairs, and

his property passed into the hands of his creditors. He d. in indigent circumstances, May 25, 1811.

- 2 i. *Betsey*, m. Ebenezer Bacon, *q.v.*
- 3 ii. *A daughter*, m. Samuel Bacon.

1 STEPHEN RUSSELL is one of whom we have but little knowledge, except that he came from New Ipswich about 1793, and was the first to locate on the farm now owned by Lovell P. Butler on Butler Hill in Troy. He resided there a few years; and then, exchanging farms with Jacob Osborne of Keene, he removed to that place, and d. soon after. His wife was Bridget Jaquith of New Ipswich.

- 2 i. *John*, b. Oct. 27, 1796.
- 3 ii. *Nancy*, b. Dec. 23, 1798.
- 4 iii. *Stephen*, b. June 19, 1801.
- 5 iv. *Becca*, b. Nov. 8, 1803.

6 ABNER RUSSELL, son of Jonathan and Rachel (White) Russell, b. in Dublin, March 3, 1791; m., 1816, *Betsey*, dau. of Ebenezer and Lydia (Eaton) Herrick. He resided for many years on the farm now occupied by George W. Gillson. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church for more than thirty years, and the meetings of that denomination were frequently held at his house previous to their building a house of worship in Pottersville. He d. March 24, 1855. His wife survived him, and d. in Harrisville, Jan. 21, 1875.

- 7 i. *Eben H.*, b. March 29, 1817. +
- 8 ii. *Gilbert*, b. Feb. 28, 1819. +
- 9 iii. *Jonathan F.*, b. May 12, 1821; d. in infancy.
- 10 iv. *Mary E.*, b. May 27, 1823; m. Merrill Mason, *q.v.*
- 11 v. *William A.*, b. July 16, 1825; m. Carrie A., dau. of Rev. S. Dudley. He d. in Keene, Sept. 6, 1878.

- 12 1. Alvin D., b. Sept. 23, 1850; m., Sept. 26, 1872, Lizzie H. Crockett of Newburyport, Mass.
- 13 2. Carrie E., b. March 23, 1856.
- 14 3. Gracie S., b. Oct. 5, 1863.

- 15 vi. Twins. { *Emily M.*, b. Jan., 1832; d. Apr. 5, 1837.
- 16 vii. { *Amelia M.*, b. Jan., 1832; d. May 2, 1837.
- 17 viii. *Joseph Merrill*, b. July 7, 1834; m., April, 1854, Helen M., dau. of Elisha and Hannah (Chamberlain) Knowlton of Dublin. He now resides in Harrisville.

- 18 1. Ella M., b. Aug., 1856; d. Dec., 1858.

- 19 2. Fred A., b. Sept., 1857.
 20 3. Ella R., b. Dec., 1859.
 21 4. Frank M., b. Jan., 1862.
 22 5. Chester W., b. Sept., 1864.
 23 6. Burdette E., b. May, 1867.
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- (7) EBEN H. RUSSELL, son of Abner, m., Nov. 23, 1841, Almira, dau. of Samuel and Anna (Kendall) Mason of Dublin, b. Sept. 8, 1823. Mr. Russell has resided at different times in Dublin, Marl., Harrisville, and Troy. He returned to Marl. in the spring of 1878, where he now resides.
- 24 I. *Anna E.*, b. in Walpole, Oct. 30, 1842; d. Feb. 7, 1864.
 25 II. *George H.*, b. in Marl., Oct. 6, 1844; d. Aug. 1, 1864.
 26 III. *Mary Emogene*, b. in Dublin, Aug. 7, 1846; m. Austin E. Chamberlain of Hanover; resides in State Centre, Marshall Co., Iowa.
 27 IV. *Emily M.*, b. in Marl., Nov. 14, 1848; d. May 27, 1861.
 28 V. *Willie A.*, b. in Troy, May 18, 1857; m., Sept. 3, 1878, Jennie A., dau. of Curtis and Emeline (Thatcher) Capron.
 29 VI. *Eva A.*, b. in Nelson, Nov. 4, 1862.
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- (8) GILBERT RUSSELL, son of Abner, m., Jan. 25, 1842, Nancy, dau. of David and Rebecca (Moors) Heaton of Keene, b. March 9, 1823. He d. July 28, 1880.
- 30 I. *Stella M.*, b. June 28, 1847; m., Nov. 12, 1871, Newell McQuade.
 31 1. Edward Everett, b. Sept. 19, 1875.
 32 II. *Mary E.*, b. June 23, 1855; m. John Connelly.
 33 III. *Samuel A.*, b. May 3, 1860.
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- 34 EBEN RUSSELL, a brother of Abner, b. in Dublin, Nov. 27, 1797; m., Feb. 18, 1823, Olive Newell of Jaffrey, b. March 20, 1801. He resided for some years in Marl., then returned to Dublin. The two eldest children b. in Marl., the others in Dublin.
- 35 I. *Rachel Diantha*, b. Aug. 10, 1825; d. March 19, 1837.
 36 II. *Osgood M.*, b. Aug. 12, 1827; m., Sept. 12, 1847, Amelia N. Sinclair of Maine. Is a travelling salesman; resides in Rochester, N.Y.
 37 III. *Jonathan Milan*, b. June 16, 1830; m., Apr. 25, 1854, Rosilla D., dau. of Noah and Arvilla (Lewis) White; resides at Salt Lake, Utah.

- 38 | iv. *Allen K.*, b. Jan. 7, 1833. He was in the war of the Rebellion, being a member of the 61st Reg. N.Y. Vols.; d. Dec., 1861.
- 39 | v. *Charles J.*, b. Jan. 25, 1836; m., March, 1858, Helen Wakely of Cazenovia, N.Y., where he now resides. Is a travelling salesman.
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- 40 | WILMOTT A. RUSSELL, son of James and Moriah (Barker) Russell of Nelson, b. at Mt. Auburn, Mass., Jan. 31, 1837; m. Sarah E. Reeves, b. in Windsor, Me., Apr. 19, 1837.
- 41 | i. *Lizzie Velina*, b. in Nelson, Sept. 29, 1861; d. May 24, 1864.
- 42 | ii. *Lillian Moriah*, b. in Nelson, June 15, 1864.
- 43 | iii. *Wilmott Sumner*, b. in Marl., May 13, 1869.
- 44 | iv. *Witty James*, b. in Marl., Feb. 15, 1871; d. June 25, 1880.
- 45 | v. *Harry Alfred*, b. in Marl., March 24, 1874; d. Apr. 15, 1874.
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- 1 | CHARLES RYAN, son of Walter and Lucy (Fuller) Ryan, was b. in Boston, Oct. 4, 1815. He was bereft of his parents at an early age, and was brought up in the family of Capt. Benjamin Whitney of this town, whose wife was a sister of Mr. Ryan's mother. He m., May 25, 1848, Arvilla, dau. of William and Nancy (Whitcomb) Farrar.
- 2 | i. *Anna M.*, adopted dau., b. in Harrisville, March 4, 1858; m. Frank H. McIntire, *q.v.*

SARGENT.

WILLIAM SARGENT came from England in 1638, and was admitted a member of the church in Charlestown, Mass., March 10, 1639, and his wife Sarah the Sunday following. He resided at Mystic Side, now Malden, where he was a lay-preacher from 1648 to 1650. He is mentioned by Johnson in his "Wonder-working Providence," page 211, as a "Godly Christian." He removed, probably in 1657, to Barnstable, where he d. Dec. 16, 1682. His eldest son, John, b. at Mystic Side, Dec., 1639, m., March 19, 1662, Deborah Hyllier of Barnstable, who d. Apr. 20, 1669; and he m. (2d) Mary ——. She d. Feb., 1670-71, and he m. (3d) Lydia Chipman. Samuel, son of John, b. in Malden, Sept. 15, 1688, m., Dec. 2, 1714, Elizabeth Pratt. He d. Dec. 7, 1721. His youngest son, Thomas, b. Sept. 1, 1720, m., Sept. 27, 1744, Tabitha Tuttle; resided in Hubbardston, Mass.; d. Jan., 1795.

- 1 | SAMUEL SARGENT, second son of Thomas and Tabitha (Tuttle) Sargent, b. in Hubbardston, Dec. 30, 1748; m., Jan. 13, 1772, Deborah Sylvester, b. 1750. Soon after

his marriage, he came to Marl., and settled on the farm now owned by Willard P. Brigham.

- 2 I. *Deborah*, b. Apr. 17, 1772; m. Asa Brewer, *q.v.*
 3 II. *Samuel*, b. March 5, 1774. +
 4 III. *John*, b. Dec. 19, 1780. +
 5 IV. *Ruth*, b. Apr. 14, 1783; d. Nov. 14, 1861, um.
 6 V. *Tabitha*, b. March 13, 1785; m. Daniel Buss, *q.v.*
 7 VI. *Amos*, b. Feb. 17, 1787; m., Nov. 5, 1811, Lucy,
 dau. of Thomas and Lucy (Colburn) Hardy, b.
 in Dublin, Nov. 25, 1792. He d. in Pottersville,
 Oct. 13, 1871. He was for many years a deacon
 of the Baptist Church. c.
 8 VII. *Elizabeth*, b. March 9, 1789; m., Oct. 3, 1813,
 Moses Hardy; d. Feb. 7, 1854.
 9 VIII. *David*, b. Sept. 3, 1791. +
 Mrs. Sargent d. Oct. 17, 1791; and he m. (2d) Han-
 nah Adams, b. Nov. 30, 1754, d. March 25, 1844. He
 d. Apr. 2, 1819.
 10 IX. *Hannah*, b. Apr. 2, 1793; m., March 2, 1814, Isaac
 Davis; d. March 16, 1816.
 11 X. *Thomas*, b. March 13, 1795. +

(3) SAMUEL SARGENT, son of Samuel, m., Oct., 1797,
 Sarah Gypsom; removed to Potsdam, N.Y. He d. Apr.
 2, 1841; and his wife d. Feb. 7, 1847.

- 12 I. *Samuel*, b. Oct. 10, 1799; m., Feb. 14, 1822, Han-
 nah Frelove. She d., and he m. (2d), Nov.
 20, 1837, Eunice Martin. She d. Sept. 4, 1845;
 and he m. (3d), Jan. 7, 1848, Prudence Hem-
 met; resided in East Middlebury, Vt.
 13 II. *John*, b. Sept. 18, 1800; m., Dec. 24, 1820, Ruth
 Stiles; removed to Bellevue, Mich.
 14 III. *Sarah*, b. Feb., 1802; m., 1835, Calvin Norton.
 15 IV. *Amos*, b. Aug. 16, 1803; m., Jan. 25, 1830, Mar-
 garet Earl.
 16 V. *Clark*, b. Apr. 23, 1805; m., 1837, Mary Dingman;
 removed to Buckton, Ill.; d. 1847.
 17 VI. *Lucinda*, b. July 1, 1807; m., 1829, William
 Steward.
 18 VII. *Lucius*, b. Aug., 1809; d. Dec. 12, 1838.
 19 VIII. *Truman*, b. Dec. 4, 1810; m., Sept. 12, 1837,
 Caroline Bruce; removed to Essex, N.Y.
 20 IX. *Joseph*, b. June 14, 1812; m., July 17, 1839,
 Emily Bugbee; removed to Bethel, Vt.
 21 X. *Mary*, d. 1816.
 22 XI. *Hannah*, b. Apr. 19, 1814; m. Ransom Floyd; d.
 Oct. 1, 1849.

- (4) JOHN SARGENT, son of Samuel, m., Jan. 1, 1806, Anna, dau. of Josiah and Martha (Bemis) Lewis, who d. Feb. 16, 1853. He d. Jan. 5, 1850.
- 23 I. *John Sylvester*, b. Sept. 29, 1808. +
- 24 II. *Josiah L.*, b. May 18, 1818. +
- 25 III. *Martha*, b. Aug. 21, 1820; m. Jedediah T. Collins, *q.v.*
- 26 IV. *Mary*, b. Sept. 28, 1828; m., Oct. 1, 1849, James Newell; d. March 12, 1852.
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- (9) DAVID SARGENT, son of Samuel, m., March 5, 1821, Susanna Becket. He d. Apr. 6, 1839. His widow m. (2d) Arba Greenwood of Dublin, who d. in Marl., July 21, 1859. She d. in Malden, Mass., July 30, 1876.
- 27 I. *William B.*, b. March 3, 1822; m., Oct. 14, 1844, Mary Ann Lavery; d. in Malden, Mass., 1876.
- 28 1. David H., b. Sept. 5, 1847; m., Dec. 25, 1873, Lucia C. Root of Kingston, Ca.
- 29 2. William E., b. May 2, 1850.
- 30 3. Sarah E., b. Aug. 27, 1857.
- 31 4. George Alfred, b. June 2, 1859.
- 32 5. Susan Jane, b. Nov. 21, 1860.
- 33 II. *Sarah Ann*, b. Feb. 23, 1824; m., Jan. 20, 1841, William R. White, *q.v.*
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- (11) THOMAS SARGENT, youngest son of Samuel, m., 1816, Sarah, dau. of William and Mehitable (Jones) Tenney; removed to Grafton, Mass. He d. Feb. 4, 1854. His widow now resides in Chelsea, Mass.
- 34 I. *Sarah A.*, b. Apr. 13, 1818; d. July 22, 1818.
- 35 II. *Hannah A.*, b. May 15, 1819; m., Dec. 12, 1855, Oliver Merrill.
- 36 III. *Horace W.*, b. Feb. 21, 1820; d. March 21, 1821.
- 37 IV. *Horace*, b. Feb. 14, 1822; m., Jan. 1, 1850, Jane C. Guppy.
- 38 V. *Prentice*, b. May 9, 1825.
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- (23) JOHN SYLVESTER SARGENT, son of John, m., Nov. 10, 1836, Damaris Read. She d. Dec. 4, 1849; and he m. (2d), Sept. 8, 1850, Malinda Read; resides in Swanzey. Children by first wife.
- 39 I. *Fidelia*, b. Dec. 1, 1837; d. Oct. 2, 1849.
- 40 II. *Harvey*, b. Feb. 17, 1839; m., June 12, 1867, Susie H. Gould of East Dover, Vt.; resides in Swanzey.
- 41 III. *Milton*, b. May 23, 1841; d. Sept. 19, 1849.
- 42 IV. *Annette*, b. Dec. 8, 1843; d. Sept. 21, 1849.

- (24) JOSIAH L. SARGENT, son of John, m., Aug. 24, 1841, Hannah Miller, who d. June 7, 1843.
- 43 I. *Edward E.*, b. March 18, 1843; m., Oct. 1, 1867, Lura D. Yardley of Harrisville, who d. May 22, 1879; and he m. (2d), Nov. 13, 1879, Mrs. Sarah L. Hitchens; resides in Dublin. Children b. in Harrisville.
- 44 1. Willie E., b. May 8, 1869.
- 45 2. M. Addie L., b. Apr. 7, 1873.
- 46 3. Lewis J., b. Nov. 19, 1877; d. Feb. 5, 1878.
- Mr. Sargent m. (2d), Sept. 5, 1843, Abigail Coombs of Londonderry, Vt.
- 47 II. *Mary Adelaide*, b. Dec. 30, 1847; m., Dec. 11, 1871, Charles R. Woodford; removed to Sargent's Bluff, Iowa; d. in Marl., Aug. 5, 1873.
- 48 III. *Lizzie H.*, b. June 2, 1861; m., July 13, 1879, Frank Mortimer; d. Sept. 14, 1879.
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- 1 HENRY SAWYER, b. in Hancock, March 6, 1789; m., Apr. 1, 1821, Roxelana Emerson, b. in Richmond, Feb. 28, 1797. He came to Marl. about 1845, and located on the farm now occupied by Abraham Corey, where he d. March 20, 1861. His wife d. Sept. 24, 1860.
- 2 I. *Mary A.*, b. Dec. 30, 1821; m., May 23, 1853, James M. Johnson of Hancock, where they now reside.
- 3 II. *Rhoda*, b. March 14, 1823; d. Feb. 2, 1842.
- 4 III. *Caroline M.*, b. Oct. 26, 1824; d. Apr. 29, 1844.
- 5 IV. *Adaline E.*, b. July 6, 1826; d. Aug. 26, 1856.
- 6 V. *Harriet N.*, b. March 3, 1828; d. Oct. 29, 1843.
- 7 VI. *Elizabeth H.*, b. Feb. 26, 1830; d. May 27, 1844.
- 8 VII. *Daniel H.*, b. Jan. 6, 1832; m. Sarah Fairbanks of Troy; resides in Keene.
- 9 VIII. *Wynnan*, b. Feb. 3, 1835; m. Carrie, dau. of Josiah H. and Martha (Mason) Knight; resides in Winchendon, Mass.
- 10 1. Edson E., b. in Marl., Dec. 3, 1861.
- 11 2. Mattie F., b. in Winchendon, Aug. 8, 1874.
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- 12 JOHN W. SAWYER, b. in Alstead, July 28, 1826; m., 1852, Eveline F., dau. of Aaron and Susan (Procter) Brigham, b. in Alstead, Apr. 11, 1829. He came to Marl. to reside in Nov., 1865.
- 13 I. *Lestina A.*, b. July 16, 1855; m. Charles E. Richardson.

14 | ALBERT D. SAWYER, b. in Andover, Vt., Jan. 20, 1844; m., March 14, 1871, Flora T. Pike, b. in Orange, Vt., Apr. 6, 1847.

15 | I. Jennie L., b. March 14, 1872.

16 | II. Carrie M., b. Jan. 11, 1874.

17 | III. Charlie A., b. May 6, 1876.

1 | ABRAHAM SHATTUCK, b. in Pepperell, Mass., Oct. 29, 1791; m., June 22, 1814, Sophia Kendall of Dublin, who d. Oct. 10, 1814; and he m. (2d), Nov. 22, 1817, Jerusha H. French of Dublin, dau. of Whitcomb French. She d. July 8, 1839. He lived in Marl. from 1832 to 1835, in the house now owned by Luke Knowlton, and worked at blacksmithing in the brick shop which formerly stood on Library Square. He d. at Easton, Pa., Dec. 28, 1863. He had one child by first wife, and nine by second wife. The eight oldest b. in Dublin, the ninth in Marl., and the tenth in Peterboro.

2 | I. Abraham, b. Oct. 10, 1814; d. the same day.

3 | II. Kendall, b. Sept. 24, 1818; d. Oct. 4, 1821.

4 | III. Orville W., b. Aug. 23, 1820; m. (1st), Jan. 22, 1846, Emily G., dau. of Jeremiah and Hannah (Smith) Herrick. She d. at Philadelphia, Pa., July 26, 1850.

5 | 1. Emma E., b. March 23, 1847; m. and resides at Pendleton, Ind.

6 | 2. Ella H., b. Jan. 31, 1849; d. Aug. 15, 1850.

He m. (2d), March 17, 1859, Harriet J. Pike of Plymouth, N.H.; resides in Columbus, Ohio; is superintendent of Cinn. & Muskingham Valley R.R.

7 | 3. Edith.

8 | 4. Ethel.

9 | 5. Eva.

10 | IV. Elizabeth G., b. Oct. 21, 1822. She graduated at the Female Medical College in Philadelphia, in 1854, with the first graduating class of the institution. Was elected Professor of Anatomy and Physiology in Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., but d. at Philadelphia, Jan. 27, 1865, before the opening of the college.

11 | v. Julia S., b. Oct. 21, 1824; resides at Minneapolis, Minn.

12 | VI. { Oren K., b. Feb. 8, 1827; d. March 5, 1832.

13 | VII. TWINS. { Orson F., b. Feb. 8, 1827; accidentally killed Nov. 17, 1857, at Bethlehem, Pa., while employed as conductor on the Lehigh Valley R.R.

- 14 | VIII. *Mandana M.*, b. May 25, 1831; resides at Phila-
 15 | delphia. Is teacher of Natural Sciences.
 16 | IX. *Joseph C.*, b. Feb. 28, 1835; m., Aug. 17, 1858,
 17 | Hattie M., dau. of Josiah H. and Martha (Ma-
 18 | son) Knight.
1. Fannie McClurg, b. Sept. 18, 1861.
 2. Hubert L., b. at Phillipsburg, N.J., Aug. 20, 1865.
 3. Orville F., b. at Linn Creek, Mo., Nov. 17, 1868.

Mr. Shattuck removed to Colorado in 1870, with the "Union Colony," an organization which originated with N. C. Mecker, Agricultural Editor of the N.Y. "Tribune," and which founded the temperance town of Greeley.

This was the first attempt of Eastern people to settle on Western lands in a body, and has resulted in the most extensive and thoroughly organized system of farming by irrigation in this country. In 1874, Mr. Shattuck represented his county in the Territorial Legislature. He was principal of the first graded school in Greeley, organizing and grading it, and was for several years vice-president and business manager of the colony, resigning that position Nov., 1876, to enter upon the duties of Superintendent of Public Instruction of the "Centennial State," to which office he was elected at the first State election, held Oct. 3, 1876.

- 19 | x. *Lucius H.*, b. June 18, 1839; m. (1st), Feb. 9, 1863, Evalina H. Knapp of Portland, Me., who d. Apr. 24, 1864; and he m. (2d), 1873, Alice DeKalb Armstrong of Alexandria, Va. He resided for some time at Brooklyn, N.Y., where he was a druggist. He enlisted in 1861 in a regiment of three months' men from Massachusetts, and was in the battle of Bull Run. At the end of his term of service, he again enlisted in the 11th Reg. U.S. Infantry, in which he served till the close of the war. During the last year, he was Hospital Steward, connected with the head-quarters of the Army of the Potomac. He d. at Alexandria, Va., June 29, 1877.

1 | JONATHAN SHAW came to this town about 1768, and settled a little west of the George Farrar place, so called, now within the limits of Troy. He resided here some ten or fifteen years, and then removed to Vermont. We find no record of his family.

- 2 | ICHABOD SHAW, a brother of Jonathan, settled a little north-east of Troy village, on the road leading to West Hill. He resided here with his family till 1797, when he sold his farm, and removed to Vermont.
- 3 | I. *Zilpah*, b. March 2, 1775; m., Aug. 24, 1797, Thomas Bruce of Fitzwilliam.
- 4 | II. *Nancy*, b. Apr. 12, 1777.
- 5 | III. *Sally*, b. Oct. 15, 1779.
- 6 | IV. *Daniel*, b. Apr. 20, 1781.
- 7 | V. *Benjamin*, b. Nov. 2, 1783.

- 1 | BENONI SHIRTLIFF resided for a short time about 1806 in the "Old Red Tavern." He afterwards removed to Keene, and kept a hotel where the Cheshire House now stands.
- 2 | I. *Sophia*.
- 3 | II. *Charlotte*.
- 4 | III. *George G.*, b. Dec. 7, 1806.

- 1 | SIMEON SMEED, Betty his wife, and their children, Ithiel, Filena, and Eliel from Keene, warned to leave town 1793. They resided in that part of the town now Roxbury.
- 2 | DARIUS SMEED is mentioned among the tax-payers of 1793.

SMITH.

JONATHAN SMITH of Needham, Mass., m. Martha Ruggles. They had ten children, among whom was Aaron, b. March 28, 1730, m., Dec. 14, 1755, Beulah Woodward, b. 1734, d. Apr. 11, 1796. He d. Dec. 4, 1795. Abner and Ruggles, sons of Aaron and Beulah (Woodward) Smith, settled in Dublin. Abner, b. March 30, 1762, m., Jan. 23, 1791, Hannah Prentice of Needham, b. June 5, 1764, d. Aug. 14, 1813. He d. Apr. 7, 1833. They settled in Dublin in 1791. Their son Luther is number 1 in the following register.

Ira Smith, another son of Abner, b. Apr. 20, 1799, m., June 3, 1823, Mary, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Willard) Mason; settled in Pottersville, where he d. Jan. 11, 1875. His widow d. Apr. 15, 1879. Their son, Franklin M. Smith, is numbered 21 in the register.

Ruggles Smith, b. Sept. 10, 1766, m. Lucy Kingsbury of Needham; b. March 17, 1777, d. Feb. 14, 1852. He d. March 11, 1833; settled in Dublin, March, 1797, on the farm now owned by Norris Allen. Their son Curtis is number 10 in the register.

- 1 | LUTHER SMITH, youngest son of Abner and Hannah (Prentice) Smith, b. in Dublin, Feb. 25, 1808; m., May 4, 1837, Mary L., dau. of Josephus and Eleanor (Gilchrist) Snow, b. in Dublin, Nov. 16, 1814. Mr. Smith settled first in Dublin, where he remained until Oct., 1845, when he removed to Marl., to the place now owned by Isaac Davis.

- 2 | i. *Eleanor M.*, b. in Dublin, Apr. 8, 1838; d. Apr. 23, 1838.
- 3 | ii. *Eleanor M.*, b. in Dublin, Oct. 9, 1839; d. in Marl., March 18, 1849.
- 4 | iii. *Alfred M.*, b. in Dublin, Jan. 2, 1842; d. in Marl., Sept. 5, 1861.
- 5 | iv. *Abbie A.*, b. in Dublin, May 6, 1845; m., Apr. 9, 1867, John H. Mason; resides in Dublin.
- 6 | 1. Fred L., b. March 29, 1868.
- 7 | 2. Fannie E., b. Dec. 20, 1869; d. Oct. 24, 1880.
- Mrs. Mary L. Smith d. July 13, 1849; and he m. (2d), June 6, 1850, Mary, dau. of Nathan and Sally (Wright) Griffin of Nelson, b. Feb. 16, 1817. Mr. Smith d. Sept. 22, 1878.
- 8 | v. *Evander E.*, b. in Marl., Aug. 20, 1855; um.
- 9 | vi. *Harvey M.*, b. in Marl., May 25, 1857; d. July 14, 1857.
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- 10 | CURTIS SMITH, son of Ruggles and Lucy (Kingsbury) Smith, b. in Dublin, Dec. 10, 1807; m., Sept. 8, 1835, Caroline, dau. of Josephus and Eleanor (Gilchrist) Snow, b. in Dublin, Nov. 18, 1816. Settled first in Dublin, afterwards removed to Marl., where he d. Nov. 8, 1861. His widow d. Feb. 23, 1863. Children all b. in Dublin.
- 11 | i. *Luther Curtis*, b. May 26, 1836; d. Sept. 11, 1849.
- 12 | ii. *Ruggles*, b. Nov. 14, 1840.+
- 13 | iii. *Sarah Caroline*, b. Aug. 12, 1844; m., Feb. 28, 1866, Albert S. Corey; resides in Maryland.
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- (12) | RUGGLES SMITH, son of Curtis, m., Apr. 10, 1861, Caroline Hardy of Greenfield.
- 14 | i. *Fred C.*, b. March 7, 1862.
- 15 | ii. *Flora C.*, b. Oct. 5, 1863.
- 16 | iii. *Albert C.*, b. Sept. 24, 1865.
- 17 | iv. *Hattie M.*, b. March 26, 1867.
- 18 | v. *Anna S.*, b. Nov. 22, 1868.
- 19 | vi. *Willie R.*, b. Jan. 25, 1869.
- 20 | vii. *Harry R.*, b. Nov. 16, 1871.
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- 21 | FRANKLIN M. SMITH, son of Ira and Mary (Mason) Smith of Pottersville, b. Aug. 24, 1830; m., Nov. 29, 1855, Chloe Titus of Keene, a native of Maine. He came to Marl. in 1865, and resided on the "Hemenway place," in the north-east part of the town (now occupied by Charles Howe), where he d. Apr. 7, 1874. His family now reside in Pottersville. Children all b. in Dublin, except Mary Isabell, who was b. in Marl.

- 22 I. *Sarah Edith*, b. Oct. 26, 1856.
 23 II. *Ira*, b. June 6, 1859; d. Nov. 14, 1864.
 24 III. *Mary Isabell*, b. July 2, 1867.
 25 IV. *Fannie Florence*, b. Aug. 27, 1869; d. May 22,
 1874.

26 GEORGE H. SMITH, b. in Alstead, Aug. 7, 1835; m.,
 Apr. 7, 1857, Elmira E., dau. of Isaiah and Emily S.
 (Parker) White. He was a member of Co. E, 6th
 Reg. N.H. Vols. He is a blacksmith and machinist; re-
 moved to Keene in 1871, where he still resides. Chil-
 dren, five b. in Marl., remainder in Keene.

- 27 I. *Willie H.*, b. Feb. 13, 1858; d. Feb. 25, 1858.
 28 II. *Anna L.*, b. March 12, 1859.
 29 III. *Ethel B.*, b. Sept. 24, 1865.
 30 IV. *Sarah B.*, b. Sept. 22, 1867.
 31 V. *Harriet B.*, b. Jan. 27, 1870.
 32 VI. *Bertha I.*, b. Feb. 3, 1873.
 33 VII. *Leon H.*, b. July 16, 1875.
 34 VIII. *Margaret L.*, b. Dec. 31, 1877.

35 CHARLES SMITH was b. in Fitzwilliam, Nov. 2, 1821.
 He is the son of Elijah Thayer Smith, who had a family
 of seventeen children, twelve of whom lived to mature
 age. Charles resided with his parents on the farm until
 the age of twenty-one, soon after which he removed to
 Fitchburg, and thence to Westboro, Mass., and in 1845
 to Worcester, where he resided for twenty years. In
 1861, at the breaking out of the Rebellion, he enlisted for
 three years in Co. A, 25th Reg. Mass. Vols., and accom-
 panied Gen. Burnside's expedition from Annapolis, Md.,
 to Cape Hatteras and Roanoke Island, and participated
 in the battle at the latter place. At the close of the war
 in 1865, he removed to Marl., where he has since resided.
 He m., Oct. 30, 1845, Harriet, dau. of Dea. Isaac Stowell
 of Troy, b. Aug. 29, 1827. Children, with the exception
 of the youngest, b. in Worcester.

- 36 I. *Henry C.*, b. Sept. 18, 1848; m., July 8, 1869,
 Clara A. Rollins.
 37 1. Clarence Henry, b. Dec. 28, 1871.
 38 2. Charles Wolcott, b. Nov. 17, 1876.
 39 II. *Etta S.*, b. March 28, 1852; m. J. Milton White,
q.v.
 40 III. *Amy Gertrude*, b. Oct. 26, 1855; m., Nov. 24,
 1880, Frank H. L. Peaslee.
 41 IV. *Carrie A.*, b. Apr. 26, 1864.
 42 V. *Nellie M.*, b. in Marl., May 28, 1866.

- 43 DEA. AUGUSTUS M. SMITH, b. in Dana, Mass., Jan. 8, 1812; m., Apr. 10, 1838, Harriet Eliza Johnson, b. in Westboro, Mass., Nov. 13, 1815. After residing in various places in Mass., he, in the fall of 1859, removed to Marl. He was chosen deacon of the Baptist Church in Woodville, Mass., in 1844, and again in Troy in 1860, which office he held at the time of his death, Sept. 26, 1876.
- 44 I. *Augustus Mason*, b. in Hopkinton, Mass., Feb. 14, 1839; is a Baptist minister, being licensed to preach in 1862, and since that time has labored mostly in Maine; um.
- 45 II. *Harriet Augusta*, b. in Westboro, Mass., May 21, 1841; d. in Lawrence, Mass., Apr. 2, 1858.
- 46 III. *Martha Eliza*, b. in Westboro, Apr. 12, 1843; m., Feb. 19, 1877, James E. Boudreau of Fitzwilliam, who d. Jan. 2, 1877. She d. Oct. 16, 1875.
- 47 IV. *Charles V.*, b. in Hopkinton, Mass., May 31, 1845; m., Nov. 6, 1872, Esther D., widow of Thomas L. White; resides in Marl., Mass.
- 48 1. *Dora M.*, b. Nov. 13, 1875.
- 49 V. *William Johnson*, b. in Hopkinton, Mass., Feb. 12, 1848; is at present pursuing the study of theology; um.
- 50 VI. *George Edward*, b. in Andover, Mass., July 19, 1850; m., May 14, 1873, Addie Chickering of Southboro, Mass.; resides in Marl., Mass.
- 51 VII. *Ellen Maria*, b. in Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 31, 1852; um.
- 52 VIII. *Annie Louisa*, b. in Lawrence, Dec. 31, 1857; um.
- 53 IX. *Ephraim Sherman*, b. in Lawrence, Aug. 29, 1859; m., Oct. 1, 1879, Hattie E. Rice of Troy.

1 LEONARD SNOW, son of John and Mercy (Twitchell) SNOW of Dublin, b. June 24, 1815; m., May 28, 1844, Martha, dau. of Cyrus and Catharine (Greenwood) Piper of Dublin, b. Oct. 1, 1817. Immediately after his marriage, he came to Marl. to reside, and worked at the carpenter's trade. He removed with his family to Boston in 1853, where he still resides. He is a member of the firm of Snow & Haselton, manufacturers of children's carriages, etc.

2 I. *Martha P.*, b. Oct. 23, 1848; m., Apr., 1874, William J. Stewart of Cambridge, Mass.; resides in Winchester, Mass.

Mrs. Snow d. Nov. 3, 1848; and he m. (2d), Dec. 17, 1850, Mary E. Shedd of Pepperell, Mass., b. Oct. 10, 1818.

3 | II. *G. Lyman*, b. in Brighton, Mass., Nov. 16, 1856.

1 | SAMUEL SOPER was an early settler on the farm now owned by David S. Derby, being a resident there in 1778. He remained in town but a few years, but while here he took an active part in the affairs of town and church, serving one year on the board of selectmen. He was chairman of the Committee of Safety in 1778, also one of the tithing-men the same year. In 1783, he was one of a committee of three to examine candidates for admission to the church. About 1787, he removed to Chesterfield.

2 | I. *Joseph*, b. Dec. 9, 1777.

1 | AUGUSTUS SOUTHWICK, son of Jedediah K. and Dorcas (Twitchell) Southwick of Dublin, b. July 12, 1816; m., Aug. 22, 1844, Mary H., dau. of Silas and Achsah (Holman) McCollester. Settled first in Pottersville. After a residence of a few years in that town, he removed to Marl., and located on the Enoch White place, where he has since resided.

2 | I. *Frederick A.*, b. June 20, 1845; m., March 28, 1871, S. Abbie, dau. of Cyrus E. and Sarah (Jones) Hardy, who d. Feb. 21, 1874; and he m. (2d), Sept. 1, 1875, S. Eva Potter; resides in Carthage, N.Y.

3 | II. *J. Kilburn*, b. Nov. 8, 1847; um.

4 | III. *Silas McCollester*, b. Aug. 19, 1849; m., Aug. 9, 1877, Louisa E. Wilmott of Carthage, N.Y. He d. in Carthage, Oct. 11, 1878.

5 | 1. Maud J., b. in Carthage, N.Y., July 1, 1878.

6 | IV. *Sarah O.*, b. Feb. 27, 1853; m., March 20, 1880, Orison H. Moore; resides in Dublin.

1 | HENRY A. SPOFFORD is the eighth generation from John and Elizabeth Spofford, who came from England and settled in Rowley, Mass., about 1640. He is the son of Abijah and Betsey (Sweetzer) Spofford of Fitzwilliam, and was b. in that town, July 22, 1839; m., Sept. 17, 1861, Martha H. Metcalf of Royalston, Mass. He came to Marl. to reside Jan., 1871, and for several years kept the store in Lowellville. They have one adopted dau.

2 | I. *Jessie M.*, b. in Athol, Mass., Sept. 27, 1864.

1 | PETER STARKEY was b. in Attleborough, Mass., in 1754, and spent the most of the early part of his life in

that town. He removed his family to Monadnock No. V. in 1776, and located in what is now Troy. At this time, he had a wife, whose name we have not learned, and one son. Eight others were afterwards added to his family, whose names we give below.

- 2 I. *Otis*, b. Feb. 25, 1774.
- 3 II. *Peter*, b. Sept. 25, 1777.
- 4 III. *Nathan*, b. March 12, 1779.
- 5 IV. *Laban*, b. Jan. 30, 1782.
- 6 V. *Benjamin*, b. June 14, 1785.
- 7 VI. *John*, b. Apr. 3, 1788.
- 8 VII. *Calvin*, b. March 17, 1790.
- 9 VIII. *Lona*, b. Apr. 25, 1792; d. at an early age.
- 10 IX. *Luna*, b. Sept. 11, 1794.

11 JONATHAN STARKEY, son of Peter and Mary (Sweet) Starkey, b. in what is now Troy, Oct. 10, 1808; m., March 4, 1835, Roena, dau. of Ebenezer and Ruth (Gates) Hemenway. He d. in Marl., Dec. 22, 1839. His widow now resides in Swanzey.

- 12 I. *Mary Eliza*, b. in East Boylston, Mass., March 31, 1836; m., March 12, 1856, William Parker; resides in West Harrisville.
- 13 II. *Luther Hemenway*, b. in East Boylston, Mass., Sept. 15, 1837; m., Feb., 1857, Mary Jane, dau. of Zopher and Adaline (Williams) White; resides in South Keene.
- 14 III. *Elmer Jonathan*, b. in Marl., July 9, 1839; m., March 31, 1858, Laura H. McCollester; resides in Peterborough.

15 ISAAC STARKEY, son of Peter and Lucy (Graves) Starkey, b. in Troy, June 18, 1818; m., July 18, 1843, Fannie C., dau. of Ebenezer and Ruth (Gates) Hemenway. He now resides in Swanzey.

- 16 I. *Rolla French*, b. in Marl., April 18, 1844; d. in Westminster, Mass., Aug. 8, 1846.
- 17 II. *Ruth Hemenway*, b. in Swanzey, March 31, 1848; d. Jan. 19, 1863.
- 18 III. *Martha Adams*, b. in Marl., May 5, 1853; m., July 4, 1873, Orson L. Mason, *q.v.*
- 19 IV. *Martin Rolla*, b. in Swanzey, July 24, 1855; d. Aug. 15, 1857.
- 20 V. *Milan Edgar*, b. in Swanzey, May 22, 1857; m., May 22, 1878, Flora E. Gay of Acworth; resides in South Keene.
- 21 VI. *Martin Peter*, b. in Swanzey, May 22, 1859; d. Jan. 1, 1863.

- 1 CHARLES STAY was b. in Burlington, Vt., March 22, 1840. He resided for some years in Sullivan. He was a member of Co. G, 1st N.H. Reg.; afterwards re-enlisted in Co. F, 4th Vt. Reg., in which he served four years. He came to Marl. Aug., 1865; m., Nov. 21, 1865, Lizzie M., dau. of Hersey and Sarah (Emerson) Wardwell of Sullivan.
- 2 I. *Clarence L.*, b. May 2, 1868.
- 3 II. *Ernest W.*, b. June 12, 1870.
- 4 III. *Herbert Leslie*, b. May 26, 1874.
- 5 IV. *Charles*, b. Apr. 11, 1880; d. Apr. 14, 1880.

- 1 WALTER E. STOCKWELL, son of Clark and Lucy (Adams) Stockwell, b. in Palmyra, Mich., Sept. 22, 1838; m., May 1, 1862, Lucy A., dau. of William R. and Sarah (Sargent) White. He d. in Marl., June 2, 1867. His widow afterwards m. Marshall D. Adams, *q.v.*
- 2 I. *Carrie M.*, b. May 23, 1863.
- 3 II. *Ada M.*, b. Aug. 7, 1866.

- 4 ALBERT W. STOCKWELL, a brother of Walter E., b. in Hartford, Vt., July 20, 1841; came to Marl. to reside, 1862; m., March 12, 1862, Sarah A. Hemenway, and after a residence here of six years removed to Keene, where he resided eight years, and then returned to Marl., where he has since resided.
- 5 I. *Jennie L.*, b. July 3, 1866.

STONE.

The ancestor of the Stone family of Marl. was Rev. Timothy Stone, a Dissenting minister in the west of England. He had three sons who came to this country, Simon, Gregory, and Samuel. Simon and Gregory embarked in the ship "Increase" at Ipswich, England, Apr. 15, 1635. Simon settled in Watertown, Mass., and Gregory in Cambridge. John, eldest son of Gregory, left London at the age of sixteen, and resided with his father in Cambridge till the age of twenty-one, when he removed to Sudbury, and afterwards to Framingham, and at the death of his father returned to Cambridge. Nathaniel, son of John, b. May 11, 1660, m. Sarah Wayt of Malden, Apr. 25, 1684. Hezekiah, the sixth son of Nathaniel, b. March 5, 1710, m. Ruth Howe of Sudbury.

- 1 DEA. ELIPHALET STONE, the eldest son of Hezekiah and Ruth (Howe) Stone, b. in Framingham, Mass., Dec. 5, 1735; m. Lydia, dau. of William and Keziah (Cloyes) Goddard of Berlin, who was b. Sept. 4, 1737. He came to Marl. 1771, and purchased of his brother-in-law, Moses Goddard, a lot of land near the Stone pond, which now comprises the farm owned by Clark Hill and the one adjoining, formerly owned by Curtis F. Hunt. He was for

many years a deacon of the church. He d. Feb. 9, 1817.
His wife d. March 18, 1821.

- 2 I. *Calvin*, b. Jan. 11, 1761. +
3 II. *Beulah*, m. Jonathan Frost, *q.v.*
4 III. *John*, b. 1764. +
5 IV. *Shubael*, b. Dec. 14, 1763. +
6 V. *Cynthia*, b. 1768; m., March 29, 1796, John
Farrar, *q.v.*
7 VI. *Ruth*, b. 1770; m., March 15, 1796, Silas Raymond
of Rindge.
8 VII. *Abigail*, b. 1772; m. Phinehas Farrar, *q.v.*
9 VIII. *Luther*, b. Nov. 17, 1775; d. in New Orleans, in
1806, um.
10 IX. *Patty*, b. Jan. 13, 1777; drowned in Stone Pond,
July 25, 1784.
11 X. *Asa*, b. Dec. 1, 1779; d. Apr. 14, 1785.

(2) LIEUT. CALVIN STONE, son of Eliphalet, m., June 18,
1794, Mehitable Dodge; settled on the home farm; was
a clothier by trade, which business he followed for many
years. He d. Oct. 12, 1820. His wife d. Apr. 1, 1813.

- 12 I. *Asa*, b. Sept. 6, 1794; d. Sept. 13, 1794.
13 II. *Harriet*, b. Jan. 14, 1796; d. Oct. 15, 1820.
14 III. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 15, 1797; m. James Nason, *q.v.*
15 IV. *Solon*, b. June 9, 1799; m. Philetie Hubbard
Putney, Vt.; d. April, 1828.
16 V. *Calvin*, b. June 10, 1801. +
17 VI. *Hannibal*, b. Aug. 8, 1803; was a lawyer; d. in
New Orleans, La., Jan. 5, 1832.

(4) CAPT. JOHN STONE, son of Eliphalet, m. (1st), March
12, 1788, Elizabeth Stanley; settled north of the Stone
pond, the line between Marl. and Dublin running through
the centre of the house.

- 18 I. *John*, b. May 20, 1788; d. Nov. 29, 1804.
19 II. *Polly*, b. Nov. 22, 1789; m. Seth Fisher; re-
moved to Francistown.
20 III. *Betsy*, b. Oct. 2, 1791; m. Jesse Worsley; d.
1833.
21 IV. *Abigail*, b. Nov. 15, 1793; m., Jan., 1815, Robert
Hardy; removed to Rutland, N.Y.
22 V. *Andrew*, b. Oct. 11, 1796; m. Hannah Shirtliff of
Watertown, N.Y.; d. 1833.
23 VI. *Martha*, b. Jan. 19, 1798; m. Socrates Fay;
removed to Framingham, Mass.
24 VII. *Silas*, b. Jan. 12, 1800. +
25 VIII. *Aaron*, b. Feb. 28, 1802. +
26 IX. *Mahala*, b. Feb. 20, 1804; d. Oct., 1804.

- 27 x. *Mahala*, b. Aug. 8, 1806; m., June, 1831, Francis Coolidge; removed to Framingham, Mass.
- 28 xi. *Lydia*, b. June 4, 1808; m., Apr. 13, 1830, Benjamin Alcott of Keene. She d. 1844.
- 29 xii. *Emeline*, b. May 8, 1810; m., June, 1831, Peter Lawson; removed to Lowell, Mass.
- 30 xiii. *Louisa*, b. Jan. 14, 1812; d. Jan. 14, 1867.
- Mrs. Stone d. Nov. 4, 1813; and he m. (2d) Mrs. Rebecca (Coolidge) Ward, widow of Reuben Ward. She d. Oct. 24, 1856. He d. Apr. 18, 1849.
- 31 xiv. *John C.*, b. Aug. 22, 1819. †
- 32 xv. *Caroline E.*, b. Aug. 28, 1821; m., Feb. 15, 1849, William J. Logan of Bellows Falls.
- 33 xvi. *Ruth Helen*, b. Feb. 24, 1824; m. Fred Rogers of Bellows Falls, where they now reside.
- 34 xvii. *George H.*, b. Dec. 21, 1825; m., Feb., 1866, Mrs. Starkweather of Walpole; removed to Bellows Falls.

(5) SHUBAEL STONE, son of Eliphalet, m., 1791, Polly, dau. of John and Esther (Ball) Rogers; settled on part of home farm, where he d. June 21, 1823; and his widow m., Dec. 12, 1825, Hezekiah Stone of Fitzwilliam. She d. in Leominster, Mass., March 18, 1850.

- 35 i. *Jesse*, b. Dec. 9, 1791; m. Lucy Emery of Broomfield, Me.; d. in Ripley, Me., Apr. 21, 1871.
- 36 1. Samuel E., resides in Ripley, Me.
- 37 2. Sherman, d. in Maine, Feb. 8, 1878.
- 38 3. Cyrus, settled in Somerville, Mass.; d. in Maine.
- 39 4. Lucinda A., m. (1st) Willard Scovell, and (2d) Nathan Winch; resides in Marl.
- 40 5. Harriet A., drowned in Stone pond, June, 1825.
- 41 6. Ann Maria, resides in Woburn, Mass.
- 42 7. Leonard, resides in Monson, Me.
- 43 8. Allen, resides in New York City.
- 44 ii. *Cyrus* (Rev.), b. June 9, 1793; m. Atossa, dau. of Col. Joseph and Zilpha (Roberts) Frost. She d. Aug., 1833, at Bombay, India; and he m. (2d) Abigail Kimball, a native of Maine. (See Chap. XIII.)
- 45 iii. *Perley D.*, b. Jan. 15, 1795. At the age of seventeen, he went to Keene, and learned the cabinet-maker's trade of Dea. A. Wilder. He removed to Adams, N.Y., Jan. 27, 1817, and m., Dec. 15, 1819, Harriet Kellogg, a native of Paris, Oneida

- Co., N.Y. He worked at his trade in Adams forty-four years. In 1821, he was elected deacon of the Presbyterian Church, and in 1828 was made elder.
- 46 iv. *Lydia*, b. Nov. 20, 1796; d. July 13, 1799.
- 47 v. *Jeremiah*, b. Nov. 2, 1798; was a physician; m. Esther Wilds of Topsfield, Mass.; settled in Provincetown. (See Chap. XIII.)
- 48 vi. *Persis*, b. Oct. 14, 1800; m., Oct. 17, 1824, Augustus Noyes of Westmoreland; d. Aug., 1876.
- 49 vii. *Stillman*, b. Aug. 20, 1802; m., June 2, 1830, Sarah Mason of Sullivan. He was killed in taking down a saw-mill in Maine, Nov. 19, 1853.
- 50 viii. *Maria*, b. Aug. 12, 1804; m. (1st) Almon Bailey, *q.v.*; and (2d) Hiram Collins, *q.v.*
- 51 ix. *Marinda*, b. May 16, 1806; m., Feb., 1826, Jefferson Jones of Fairfield, N.Y. He d., and she m. (2d) Joshua Talford of Brooklyn, N.Y. She d. Feb., 1881.
- 52 x. *Luther*, b. Apr. 14, 1809; m. Ruth French of Milton, Mass.; d. in South Boston, April, 1876.
- 53 xi. *Arvilla*, b. Jan. 11, 1812; m. Alonzo Mason of Sullivan.
- 54 xii. *Benjamin Franklin*, b. Apr. 6, 1814; m. Lucy Barker of Watertown, Mass.; resides in Chelsea.
- 55 xiii. *Julia R.*, b. Sept. 26, 1817; m., June 1, 1837, Ezra Towne; resides in Topsfield, Mass.
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- (16) CALVIN STONE, son of Calvin, m., Dec. 25, 1826, Elvira, dau. of Ebenezer B. and Mary (Hildreth) Wallingford; settled on the home farm. In the autumn of 1861, he enlisted in Co. F, 6th Reg. N.H. Vols.; d. Jan. 20, 1864; and his widow m., May 1, 1867, Aaron Brigham, who d. Feb. 16, 1876.
- 56 i. *Charles A.*, b. Nov. 18, 1827; d. June 14, 1845.
- 57 ii. *Harriet E.*, b. July 31, 1829; m., Nov. 6, 1851, Henry C. Piper; resides in Dublin.
- 58 iii. *George Hildreth*, b. May 3, 1831; m., May 12, 1859, Martha E., dau. of David Platt. He was a lieutenant in Co. I, 14th Reg. N.H. Vols.; and d. of wounds, Sept. 25, 1864.
- 59 iv. *Solon W.*, b. May 5, 1834. †
- 60 v. *Mary Lizzie*, b. June 19, 1840; m., Oct. 22, 1862, David Heald; resides in Milford.
- 61 vi. *Alanson C.*, b. Nov. 8, 1847; d. May 9, 1863.
- 62 vii. *Ida M.*, b. Nov. 24, 1849; d. July 16, 1859.

(24) SILAS STONE, son of Capt. John, m., Dec. 22, 1824, Asenath, dau. of John and Lydia (Byam) Stone of Dublin, b. Oct. 6, 1799; settled first in Dublin; removed with his family to Marl. March 20, 1850; d. Dec. 9, 1867. His children were all b. in Dublin.

- 63 I. *Edwin*, b. Oct. 9, 1826; d. Apr. 24, 1837.
- 64 II. *Elizabeth S.*, b. Jan. 22, 1828; d. Apr. 3, 1837.
- 65 III. *Elmira E.*, b. Jan. 17, 1830; d. Apr. 8, 1837.
- 66 IV. *L. Jennette*, b. July 2, 1833; m., July 5, 1863, Bradley E. Wright.
- 67 V. *Elizabeth Elmira*, b. Oct. 21, 1836; m., Jan. 19, 1858, Eli B. Knowlton.

(25) AARON STONE, son of Capt. John, m., June 12, 1828, Mary, dau. of Reuben and Rebecca (Coolidge) Ward. He d. June 30, 1869.

- 68 I. *Ellen R.*, b. Dec. 16, 1830.
- 69 II. *Eliza Ann*, b. Jan. 4, 1833.
- 70 III. *Mary Jane*, b. Dec. 7, 1836.
- 71 IV. *Andrew C.*, b. May 16, 1839; m. Mary Hulbert of Ashtabula, Ohio. He is a lawyer, and resides in Lawrence, Mass. (See Chap. XIII.)

(31) JOHN C. STONE, son of Capt. John, m., Apr. 17, 1856, Ellen M. Fay of Framingham, Mass., b. Jan. 25, 1831.

- 72 I. *Malora R.*, b. Feb. 20, 1857; m., June 22, 1878, Lyman E. Bigelow.
- 73 II. *Elsie J.*, b. June 15, 1858; m., Oct. 30, 1877, Arthur J. Clapp of West Upton, Mass.; resides in Franklin, Mass.
- 74 III. *Della M.*, b. Apr. 28, 1860.
- 75 IV. *George F.*, b. Feb. 18, 1862.
- 76 V. *Louisa S.*, b. Dec. 20, 1863; d. May 27, 1865.
- 77 VI. *Lizzie M.*, b. Sept. 5, 1865; d. Feb. 21, 1866.

Mrs. Stone d. Feb. 19, 1866; and he m. (2d), Oct. 20, 1866, Marion E. Munroe, b. Dec. 25, 1846.

- 78 VII. *Nellie M.*, b. Oct. 8, 1867.
- 79 VIII. *Frank Leslie*, b. Feb. 14, 1869.
- 80 IX. *Eddie M.*, b. Oct. 12, 1870.
- 81 X. *Herman C.*, b. Aug. 9, 1872.
- 82 XI. *Freddie Elmer*, b. Dec. 25, 1874; d. Feb. 15, 1876.

(59) SOLON W. STONE, son of Calvin, m., Jan. 9, 1858, Maria S., dau. of Franklin and Roxanna (Tenney) Clapp; resided in Marl. till 1875, when he removed to Keene, where he now resides. In 1858, while at work at a

bench saw in the mill now owned by J. & L. Knowlton, his right hand was caught on the saw, and injured in such a manner as to render amputation necessary.

83 I. *Gertrude*, b. 1858.

84 II. *Willie C.*, b. July 11, 1861.

Mrs. Stone d. Apr. 18, 1876; and he m. (2d), July 10, 1879, Lucretia P. Richardson of Keene.

85 SETH STONE, probably not connected with the above family, came from Cambridge, 1791, and purchased lot No. 6, in the 4th Range. He was chosen tithing-man in 1792, and field-driver in 1793.

86 EBENEZER STONE, published to Sarah Hammond of Topsfield, Mass., Jan. 15, 1785, may have been his son.

1 JOSEPH SWEETSER, son of Phillip and Sarah (Richardson) Sweetser of Leominster, Mass., was b. in that town, Aug. 25, 1757. Of his life previous to his coming to Marl., we know but little beyond the fact that he had a wife, whose name we have not learned, by whom he had two children.

2 I. *Sally*, m. Judge Solomon Strong of Leominster, Mass.

3 II. *Joseph*, settled and d. in Lowell.

His second wife was Persis Miles of Westminster, Mass. He came to Marl. in 1792, and located on the farm now owned by the heirs of Moses Hunt, which comprised also the farm recently owned by Granville L. White. He kept a tavern for several years, and in connection with it a store, which was kept in an old building a few rods north-west of the Hunt house. But, being unfortunate in his business transactions, he sold his farm, tavern, and store to his brother Phillips. He d. Jan. 3, 1831.

4 III. *Nancy*, b. Dec. 25, 1790; m., Apr. 17, 1817, Rev. Cyrus Mann, for many years pastor of the Congregational Church in Westminster, Mass. She d. in Fitzwilliam, Aug. 9, 1871. She was educated at the academy in New Ipswich, and became the wife of Mr. Mann at the age of twenty-seven. We quote the following from the "Congregational Quarterly" of April, 1873: "She performed the duties of a pastor's wife during the twenty-eight years of her husband's pastorate in that place with great fidelity; and her memory as well as that of her husband, whom she survived thirteen years, is cherished among that people with great love and respect. She was gifted with superior intellectual ability,

and exercised great influence in moulding the character of the young ladies of the parish, many of whom became the wives of ministers and foreign missionaries, and have done good service in the church of Christ."

- 5 iv. *Thomas*, b. Jan. 3, 1793; m. — Upton of Fitchburg, Mass.; settled first in Boston, afterwards in Lowell, where he d. a few years since.
- 6 v. *Phillip*, b. Jan. 26, 1795; settled in Indianapolis, Ind., where he was for many years a prominent lawyer; d. 1843.

7 PHILLIPS SWEETSER, Esq., a younger brother of Joseph, b. in Leominster, Mass., Apr. 27, 1760; m., May 29, 1785, Persis Joslin of Winchendon, Mass. He resided for a short time in Winchendon, and then removed to Royalston, where he remained till 1799, when he came to Marl. to reside. He kept a public-house for many years, and, being somewhat eccentric in his character, was widely known as the proprietor of the famous "Sweetsér tavern."

- 8 i. *Esther*, b. Sept. 20, 1786; m. Erasmus Butterfield, *q.v.*
- 9 ii. *Luke*, m. Mrs. Hepsabath Chadwick of Jaffrey.
- 10 iii. *Phillips*, m., Sept. 5, 1816, Mary Pond.
- 11 iv. *Mary*, m., Aug. 23, 1812, William Carter; d. æ. 27.
- 12 v. *Fannie*, b. Feb. 11, 1794; m., Aug. 27, 1817, Alexander Ballou; d. in Providence, R.I., Dec. 26, 1875.
- 13 vi. *Sarah*, d. æ. 4 years.
- 14 vii. *Persis*, b. Sept. 16, 1799; m. James Batcheller, M.D., *q.v.*

Mrs. Sweetser d. Jan. 7, 1824; and he m. (2d) Mrs. Betsey Wright, formerly of Fitzwilliam. He d. Sept. 16, 1834.

1 DEA. CHARLES D. TARBELL, son of Reuben and Beatrice (Beard) Tarbell, b. in Rindge, July 20, 1832; m., Nov. 18, 1856, Elmira F., dau. of Benjamin and Elmira (Stimpson) Whitney. For several years, he, in company with his brother-in-law, Jared I. Whitney, manufactured chair seats at the mill near the outlet of Meeting-house pond. He afterwards resided in So. Keene and Bellows Falls. In Sept., 1870, he removed to Littleton, N.H., where he now resides.

- 2 i. *Frank Leslie*, b. March 20, 1859; d. March 7, 1867.
- 3 ii. *Mary Edith*, b. March 17, 1861.

4	III. <i>Anna Mabel</i> , b. Sept. 14, 1868.
5	IV. <i>Flora Elmira</i> , b. March 6, 1870.
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1	STEARNS TARBOX, b. in Stoddard, Oct. 29, 1807; m., Apr. 3, 1831, Nancy Smith, b. in Medfield, Mass., Feb. 17, 1808. They resided for many years in Stoddard and Nelson; came to Marl. 1865. Mrs. Tarbox d. Jan. 11, 1879.
2	I. <i>Lucy A.</i> , b. in Stoddard, Feb. 18, 1832; d. Feb. 14, 1833.
3	II. <i>Charles A.</i> , b. in Nelson, Feb. 18, 1834.+
4	III. <i>Lucy A.</i> , b. in Stoddard, Apr. 27, 1836; d. Aug. 10, 1849.
5	IV. <i>Melvina</i> , b. in Nelson, Feb. 24, 1841; m. Joseph M. Richardson, <i>q.v.</i>
6	V. Twins. <i>Elmina</i> , b. in Nelson, Feb. 24, 1841; m., Sept. 7, 1865, Luman J. Crouch of Chesterfield; resides in West Swanzy.
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(3)	CHARLES A. TARBOX, son of Stearns, m., March 1, 1855, Alma A. Beaverstock of Nelson. Resided for several years in Marl., on the Sargent place. He now lives in Nelson.
7	I. <i>Frank A.</i> , b. in Nelson, Jan. 23, 1857; m., Oct. 23, 1879, Hattie A., dau. of Emerson T. and Almira (Colburn) Knight.
8	II. <i>Arthur C.</i> , b. in Nelson, Sept. 3, 1864.
9	III. <i>Alice M.</i> , b. in Nelson, Nov. 17, 1868.
10	IV. <i>Willie H.</i> , b. in Marl., Dec. 11, 1870.
11	V. <i>Anna L.</i> , b. in Sullivan, March 16, 1874.

TAYNTOR.

JOSEPH TAYNTOR, b. 1613, embarked in the ship "Confidence," at Southampton, England, for New England, Apr. 24, 1638. He came in company with the family of Nicholas Guy, a carpenter, whose dau. Mary, b. 1619, he m. about 1640, and settled in Watertown, Mass., where he d. Feb. 20, 1689-90. His widow d. in 1705. Jonathan Tayntor, a son of Joseph, b. July 10, 1654, m., Dec. 6, 1681, Elizabeth, dau. of Daniel Warren of Watertown. She d. June 14, 1692, leaving four children; and he m. (2d), March 5, 1702, Mary Randall. He d. in 1712. Dea. Joseph Tayntor, son of Jonathan, b. May 25, 1688, m., Apr. 20, 1715, Thankful, dau. of John and Deborah (Howe) Barrett of Marl., Mass., where he settled and d. Feb. 19, 1764. His eldest son, John, b. in Marl., Mass., Nov. 1, 1716, m., Jan. 1, 1739-40, Hannah Goodell, who d., and he m. (2d) Sarah Ward. He resided in Shrewsbury, Mass., and Woodstock, Conn., but spent the last years of his life in this town, with his son Jedediah, and d. in 1805.

1	JEDEDIAH TAYNTOR, son of John and Sarah (Ward) Tayntor, b. in Shrewsbury, Mass., July 25, 1748; m., May
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22, 1770, Mary, dau. of Daniel and Mary (Oaks) Maynard of Marl., Mass., b. July 15, 1751. He served seven years (from fourteen to twenty-one) to learn the carpenter's trade. He resided in Marl., Mass., after his marriage, until June, 1776, when he came to this town, and located on the farm since owned by his grandson, John T. Wiswall, where Osgood R. Wiswall now resides. He had a large frame and great physical strength; was a man of limited education, but of superior native talent. It was his custom to sit up late at night to read after the rest of his family had retired; and it is said that when reading Rolins' Ancient History (ten volumes), which was kept in the old Town Library, nearly three miles from his house, taking but one volume at a time, he would read and return three volumes a week beside doing a full week's work at farming. He is also said to have read the Bible through once a year for forty years. He was a corporal in a company of minnte-men of Marl., Mass., who marched to Lexington at the alarm, Apr. 19, 1775; was at the battle of Bunker Hill and in the army at Cambridge at the time Washington took command. After coming to this town, he again joined the army, and was orderly sergeant in one of the companies, under Col. Graton. He was afterwards a lieutenant in the State Militia, was a delegate to the convention that adopted the Federal Constitution, and a representative in the State Legislature. He d. March 26, 1817; and his widow d. June 29, 1842.

- 2 I. *Darius*, b. March 7, 1772; left home when about
twenty years of age, and was never heard from.
- 3 II. *Mary*, b. Apr. 6, 1775; m. Major John Wiswall,
q.v.
- 4 III. *Jedediah*, b. Aug. 7, 1781; d. Apr. 2, 1786.
- 5 IV. *Daniel*, b. June 6, 1790; d. Aug. 9, 1793.
- 6 V. *William*, b. July 19, 1793; d. Aug. 4, 1793.
- 7 VI. *Betsey*, b. Apr. 7, 1795; d. Oct. 5, 1805.

TEMPLE.

RICHARD TEMPLE, of Reading, Mass., was the son of Robert of Saco, Me., who was killed by the Indians in 1676. Richard was b. 1668, and m., 1696, Deborah, dau. of Dea. Thomas Parker. He d. 1737. Thomas, son of Richard, b. 1714, m. Sarah Parker and settled in Framingham, Mass.

The Temples of England, from whom this family descended, have furnished some of the most illustrious personages in English history, among them many knights, earls, and lords.

- 1 EBENEZER TEMPLE, son of Thomas and Sarah (Parker) Temple, b. in Framingham, Mass., March 15, 1754; m. Olive, dau. of Isaac and Lois (Townsend) Gibbs. He first settled on the Milan Atwood farm in Roxbury, where

- he remained a few years, and then removed to the place now owned by Elias A. Thatcher, where he d. Oct. 7, 1805.
- 2 I. *Anna*, b. Aug. 25, 1777; m., Apr. 2, 1810, Jonathan Pease of Gilsum; d. in Nelson, Jan. 31, 1835.
- 3 II. *Foster*, b. March 31, 1779; m. Sarah Dunham; settled in Charlestown, Mass.; d. in Gilsum, July 12, 1839.
- 4 III. *Patty*, b. Apr. 15, 1781; m. Nathan Goddard of Swanzey.
- 5 IV. *Isaac*, b. May 1, 1783; d. Feb. 28, 1809.
- 6 V. *Thomas*, b. Feb. 21, 1786; m., Aug. 22, 1805, Jane Banks.
- 7 VI. *Joseph*, b. March 6, 1790; d. March 7, 1790.
- 8 VII. *Jesse*, b. March 21, 1792; m., Feb. 24, 1824, Betsey Ellis of Gilsum; d. in Marl., May 31, 1860.
- 9 VIII. *Asenath*, b. Nov. 6, 1797; m., Oct. 16, 1816, Beza-leel Lord Mack of Gilsum; d. in Nashua, Apr. 20, 1828.
- 10 IX. *Saphira*, b. Nov. 27, 1800; m., Apr. 13, 1833, Oliver Robbins; settled in Nelson.

TENNEY.

THOMAS TENNEY, b. in Rowley, England, in 1614; m. Ann —; came to America with Rev. Ezekiel Rogers in 1638, and settled in Rowley, Mass. He d. Feb. 20, 1700, O.S., a. 86 years. He held several military, civil, and ecclesiastical offices. His wife, Ann, the mother of his children, d. Sept. 25, 1657; and he m., Feb. 24, 1658, Elizabeth Panot. He had six children. The eldest, John, b. Dec. 14, 1640, m., Feb. 26, 1663, Mercy Panott, and settled in that part of Rowley now called Groveland. His wife d. Nov. 27, 1667. He was afterwards twice married. He was an active man in public affairs in town and church, holding offices then held for merit and unsought, such as ensign, deacon, constable, moderator, and selectman. Samuel, son of John, b. Nov. 20, 1667, m. Abigail Bailey. She d. 1689; and he m. Sarah Boynton, who was the mother of eleven children, and d. at the age of 37. His third wife was Hannah Moody. He d. Feb. 3, 1748. He lived a long, honest, and useful life, holding every office of trust that the church and town could confer upon him. In 1725, he was among the fifty members of the Mass. Provincial Assembly at Boston who voted against the king's charter, a bolder step even than it was in 1776 to sign the Declaration of Independence. He was for many years town clerk, and wrote a beautiful hand, a lieutenant in military affairs, and an elder in the church.

His son Samuel, b. in Bradford, Dec. 17, 1697, m., Jan. 5, 1720, Sarah Wooster, by whom he had eleven children. His second wife was Elizabeth Fales, to whom he was m. Dec. 28, 1749. He moved to Littleton, Mass., in 1727, and d. 1777.

William, son of Samuel and Sarah (Wooster) Tenney, was b. in Bradford, Jan. 20, 1721, m. Sarah Proctor. He removed to Littleton, with his father, and had a large farm near Magog Pond in the middle of the town. He d. March 7, 1804.

- 1 WILLIAM TENNEY, son of William and Sarah (Proctor) Tenney, b. in Littleton, Mass., July 3, 1749; m. Mehitable Jones of Berlin. In 1772, he came to Marl., and purchased lot No. 6 in the 2d Range, for which he paid thirty pounds lawful money. This is the farm now owned by Amos A. Mason. It is quite probable that he did not move his family till 1774 or 1775. He d. Sept. 14, 1823. His wife d. March 27, 1831, æ. 81.
- 2 I. *William*, b. May 16, 1772.+
 3 II. *Mehitable*, b. May 8, 1774; m. Zopher Whitcomb, *q.v.*
 4 III. *Luther*, b. Apr. 22, 1776.+
 5 IV. *Susanna*, b. July 28, 1778; m., June 12, 1798, Silas Davis; removed to Vermont.
 6 V. *Patty*, b. Apr. 29, 1780; m., Apr. 3, 1805, Samuel Gage.
 7 VI. *Jonathan*, b. Dec. 24, 1782.+
 8 VII. *Jonah*, b. Jan. 13, 1784; removed to the South.
 9 VIII. *Archie*, b. Sept. 30, 1785.+
 10 IX. *Eber*, b. Oct. 1, 1787.+
 11 X. *An infant*, b. Feb. 8, 1789; d. Feb. 16, 1789.
 12 XI. *Samuel*, b. June 2, 1790.+
 13 XII. *Calvin*, b. Dec. 6, 1792.+
 14 XIII. *Sarah*, b. March 30, 1795; m. Thomas Sargent, *q.v.* She is the only one of the family now living (1881).
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- (2) WILLIAM TENNEY, son of William, m., June 7, 1797, Betty, dau. of Dea. Silas and Abigail (Houghton) Fife. She d. June 22, 1821; and he m. (2d), Nov. 29, 1821, Betsey Lewis, b. Aug. 16, 1804, d. Jan. 7, 1861. Mr. Tenney lived on the farm now owned by Samuel O. Pope. He was a shoemaker, and worked at that trade when not engaged at farming. He d. Dec. 22, 1867.
- 15 I. *Betsey L.*, b. Aug. 13, 1825; m., Dec. 4, 1849, Henry Bigelow of Hudson, Mass., where they now reside.
- 16 1. Lucius Henry, b. Sept. 28, 1851; d. Sept. 27, 1855.
 17 2. Ann Maria, b. Oct. 31, 1856.
 18 3. Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 17, 1858.
 19 4. Adin Duane, b. Aug. 24, 1868; d. Dec. 24, 1868.
- 20 II. *William Henry*, b. June 20, 1837; m., Dec. 16, 1863, Sarah F. Grout of Maine. He d. in Hudson, Mass., July 29, 1874.
- 21 1. Lizzie Olive, b. Sept. 10, 1864.

- 22 2. Helen Lillian, b. Aug. 12, 1868.
 23 3. Willie Herbert, b. Dec., 1873.
 24 III. *Charles Herbert*, b. May 28, 1843; m., May 2,
 1868, Abbie A. Wheeler of Hudson, where they
 now reside.
 25 1. Bessie E., b. Sept. 6, 1870.
 26 IV. *Lydia Maria*, b. Feb. 17, 1846; m., Nov. 8, 1866,
 William Henry Strong of Hudson; resides in
 Boston.
 27 1. Edith Rose, b. March 10, 1868.
 28 2. Cora Louise, b. Nov. 29, 1872.

(4) LUTHER TENNEY, son of William, m., Dec. 4, 1800,
 Judith, dau. of James and Huldah (Goodell) White; he
 resided for many years on the farm now owned by the
 heirs of George V. R. Farnum, and then removed to
 Grafton, Vt., where he d. Feb. 16, 1840. His widow
 d. Sept. 25, 1869.

- 29 I. *Luther*, b. Oct. 7, 1801.
 30 II. *Calvin*, b. Oct. 12, 1803.
 31 III. *Elmira*, b. Apr. 11, 1806; d. Aug. 15, 1809.
 32 IV. *Arvilla*, b. May 9, 1808.
 33 V. { *Elmira*, b. March 24, 1811.
 34 VI. Twins. { *Elzina T.*, b. March 24, 1811; d. March
 16, 1853.
 35 VII. *Judith W.*, b. June 29, 1813.
 36 VIII. *Leonard*, b. Sept. 16, 1816; d. Aug. 26, 1863.
 37 IX. *Eleanor*, b. Apr. 6, 1819.
 38 X. *Abigail*, b. Apr. 22, 1822.

(7) JONATHAN TENNEY, son of William, m., Apr. 12, 1803,
 Betsey Jones of Berlin, Mass., b. July 7, 1784. He re-
 moved to Landsgrove, Vt., where he d. Oct. 21, 1825.
 His widow d. Aug. 1, 1870.

- 39 I. *Lyman*, b. Feb. 11, 1804; d. Apr. 11, 1805.
 40 II. *Eliza*, b. Apr. 1, 1806; m. Alvin Wheeler.
 41 III. *Isabel*, b. Apr. 1, 1808; d. Dec. 22, 1809.
 42 IV. *Lyman*, b. June 10, 1810; m. Almira Davis; re-
 sides in Orange, Mass.
 43 1. James Lyman, b. Aug. 22, 1842; m. Jennie
 Dike.
 44 2. George Henry, b. Dec. 17, 1844; d. May
 31, 1845.
 45 3. Edward E., b. May 3, 1847.
 46 V. *Isabel*, b. June 2, 1814; was twice m., and d. Nov.
 25, 1869.

- 47 VI. *Martha*, b. Feb. 19, 1815; d. June 19, 1817.
 48 VII. *Kathrine*, b. Feb. 18, 1818; m. — Spaulding.
 She d. Oct. 13, 1850.
 49 VIII. *Samuel J.*, b. Feb. 2, 1821.
 50 IX. *Lucy Ann*, b. Oct. 21, 1824; m. — Patterson;
 d. Aug. 1, 1870.

(9) ARCHIE TENNEY, son of William, m., Apr. 10, 1809, Susanna Jones of Berlin, Mass. In 1826, he purchased the Lewis farm, now owned by Ezra Livermore, where he resided for many years. He afterwards lived in Keene, on the place now owned by Levi T. White. He d. Nov. 7, 1870. His wife d. Sept. 19, 1860.

- 51 I. *James Madison*, b. Sept. 15, 1809; d. Feb. 16, 1813.
 52 II. *Roxanna*, b. March 1, 1811; m. Franklin Clapp, *q.v.*
 53 III. *Julia Ann*, b. Nov. 12, 1812; d. Apr. 15, 1813.
 54 IV. *William*, b. Sept. 23, 1814. +
 55 V. *Samuel*, b. Oct. 25, 1816. +
 56 VI. *Fannie*, b. Jan. 28, 1819; m. Frederick Wallace, *q.v.*
 57 VII. *Caroline*, b. March 31, 1821; m. Christopher Tilden, *q.v.*
 58 VIII. *Harrison*, b. Feb. 27, 1823; d. June 13, 1840.
 59 IX. *Hartwell*, b. Apr. 4, 1825; m., July 18, 1850, Josephine P. Stearns, of Ashburnham, Mass., b. Sept. 3, 1830; resides in Ashburnham.
 60 1. *Nellie J.*, b. Sept. 6, 1857; d. July 31, 1859.
 61 2. *Charles S.*, b. Sept. 27, 1860.
 62 3. *Mabel W.*, b. July 6, 1863.
 63 X. *Lucretia*, b. March 19, 1827; m. David W. Bill.
 64 XI. *Louisa*, b. June 29, 1829; m. Lucius Taylor, who d. Apr. 7, 1874, and she d. Sept. 10, 1879.
 65 XII. *Lyman A.*, b. Aug. 21, 1833. +

(10) EBER TENNEY, son of William, m., Jan. 5, 1808, Lydia Adams of New Salem, Mass., b. May 30, 1789. He was a tanner by trade, and carried on that business for many years on the home farm.

- 66 I. *Martha A.*, b. Oct. 30, 1808; m. George W. Howard, *q.v.*
 67 II. *Hannah*, b. Nov. 28, 1810; m. Robert Carpenter; removed to Orange, Mass., where she d. Nov. 9, 1835.
 68 III. *Thomas*, b. Sept. 29, 1812; removed to Orange, where he d. Aug. 22, 1863.
 69 IV. *Maria*, b. Dec. 7, 1814; d. Sept., 1833.

- 70 v. *Charles*, b. March 31, 1817; d. Jan., 1834.
- 71 vi. *Sarah N.*, b. Feb. 3, 1819; m., Sept. 21, 1837,
William Boyden; d. Aug. 25, 1845.
- 72 vii. *Nancy W.*, b. Jan. 18, 1821; m., March 26, 1846,
William Boyden; d. Sept. 15, 1851.
- 73 viii. *Amasa A.*, b. March 18, 1823; m., July 22, 1846,
Mary E. Kendall of Royalston, Mass. He re-
sided in Marl. till June, 1854, when he removed
to Templeton, Mass., and after a residence of a
few years in that place removed to Winchendon,
where he now resides.
- 74 1. Henry Murray, b. Aug. 9, 1848; m., Aug.
1, 1870, Anna Priest.
- 75 2. Fred Clarence, b. June 30, 1850.
- 76 3. Jennie Augusta, b. May 15, 1853.
- 77 4. Willie Leroy, b. May 26, 1855.
- 78 5. Herbert Leslie, b. Sept. 9, 1858; d. July
22, 1872.
- 79 6. Flora May, b. May 3, 1863; d. March 4,
1864.
- 80 7. Harry Amasa, b. July 26, 1867.
- 81 ix. *Jacob Whitney*, b. Aug. 21, 1824; m. Maria, dau.
of Asa and Lucy (Mason) Greenwood; resides
in Denver, Col.
- 82 x. *Lucy Ann*, b. Jan. 30, 1827; m. Heman Green-
wood; resides in Galesburg, Ill.
- 83 xi. *Francis M.*, b. Aug. 16, 1830; m., Apr. 29, 1862,
Hattie W. Lawrence; resides in California.
- Mrs. Tenney d. Nov. 3, 1845; and he m. (2d), Apr. 29,
1846, Mrs. Lucy Whitney, and resided in Orange, Mass.,
where he d. March 4, 1864.

(12) SAMUEL TENNEY, son of William, m. Fannie Wood of
Minisink, Orange Co., N.Y. He d. in Baldwinville,
Mass., March 30, 1859. His widow d. in Richmond, Oct.
20, 1865.

- 84 i. *Susan Adaline*, b. Apr. 25, 1815; m. Stillman
Taylor; d. Feb. 11, 1858.
- 85 ii. *Deborah Ann*, b. Feb. 28, 1816; m. Horace Pat-
terson; resides in Boston.
- 86 iii. *William*, b. Sept. 18, 1818; m. Sarah Works; d.
March 31, 1871.
- 87 iv. *Timothy Addison*, b. June 3, 1822; m. Harriet
Munroe; d. Apr. 10, 1869.
- 88 v. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 18, 1821; m. Moses Elliott; d. in
Richmond, May 23, 1857.
- 89 vi. *Samuel*, b. July 24, 1823; d. in infancy.

- 90 VII. *Fannie*, b. July 24, 1825; m. Amos Baker.
 91 VIII. *Samuel*, b. Aug. 16, 1827; d. Aug., 1849.
 92 IX. *Hannah Maria*, b. Nov. 23, 1829; m. George Davis; resides in Nashua.
 93 X. *George Washington*, b. Oct. 16, 1831; m. Jenett Norcross; resides in Winchendon.
 94 XI. *Martha T.*, b. June 5, 1833; d. young.
 95 XII. *Martha Jane*, b. May 26, 1838; m. Austin Norcross; resides in Templeton, Mass.

(13) CALVIN TENNEY, son of William, m., Dec. 6, 1821, Tabitha, dau. of Jonadab and Tabitha (Wilson) Baker; resided for a few years on the Baker place, now owned by David S. Derby. In 1828, he built the brick house since owned by Emery Cudworth, and resided there until after the death of his wife, which occurred Oct. 10, 1853. He then sold his farm, and removed to the village. He d. Nov. 4, 1879.

- 96 I. *Cosby*, b. Oct. 24, 1822; m. Barton Blodgett, *q.v.*
 97 II. *Goodhue*, b. Oct. 16, 1824. +
 98 III. *George Washington*, b. June 30, 1828; m., Sept. 16, 1857, Martha A. Wilber of Westmoreland.
 99 1. Clinton Wilber, b. Nov. 17, 1873.
 100 IV. *Henry Clay*, b. Dec. 26, 1830. +
 101 V. *Daniel Webster*, b. Sept. 12, 1834. +

(54) WILLIAM TENNEY, son of Archie, m., Feb. 20, 1837, Anliza Whitcomb of Swanzey, b. Nov. 12, 1816, d. in Keene, Jan. 2, 1875. Mr. Tenney was for many years a manufacturer of wooden ware. He removed to Keene in 1864, where he still resides.

- 102 I. *William Munroe*, b. Oct. 1, 1839; m., Jan. 9, 1861, Julia S., dau. of Capt. Elias and Alice (Fisk) Hardy.
 103 1. Harry Albert, b. Oct. 28, 1861.
 104 2. Ada Bell, b. July 9, 1866.
 105 3. Eddie Munroe, b. Sept. 15, 1868.
 106 II. *Anliza Jane*, b. Jan. 10, 1841; m. Daniel W. Tenney, *q.v.*
 107 III. *Henry Harrison*, b. Feb. 22, 1847; m., Dec. 25, 1874, Mary L. Chase; resides in Keene.

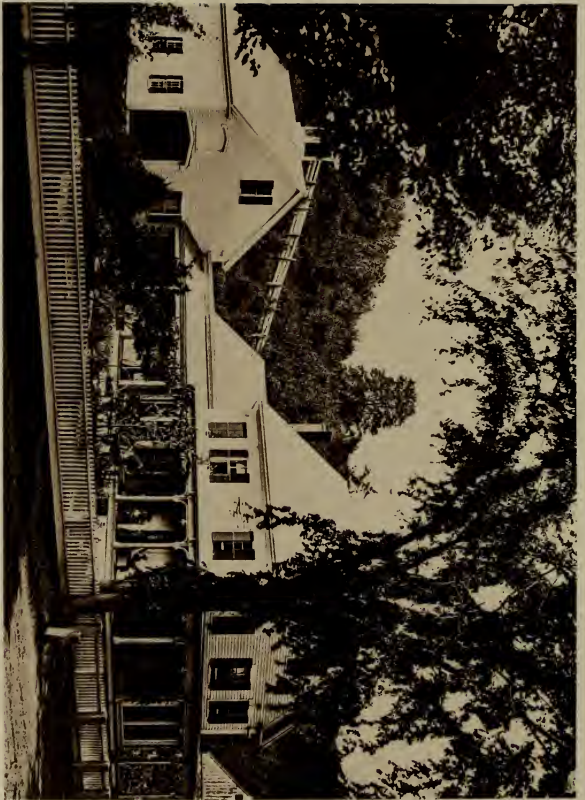
(55) SAMUEL TENNEY, son of Archie, m. (1st) Mary A. Bill of Gilsam. She d. Aug. 15, 1842; and he m. (2d) Melissa Gurnesey of Franconia. He d. July 15, 1853; and his widow m. Christopher Hodgkins, *q.v.*

- 108 I. *Mary Ann*, m. Charles Witt; resides in Spring-
field, Mass.
- 109 II. *Edwin*, m. Fredia Richardson of Boston, where
he now resides.
- 110 III. *Elnora*, m. Washington Wood.
- 111 IV. *Emma*, m. Chandler Smith.
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- (65) LYMAN A. TENNEY, son of Archie, m. (1st), Nov. 1,
1853, Persis P., dau. of Jeremiah and Sarah (Carpenter)
Foster of Nelson, who d. July 20, 1860.
- 112 I. *Viola A.*, b. May 5, 1855; m., Aug. 30, 1871,
Francis L. King.
- 113 II. *Clifford H.*, b. Nov. 22, 1859.
- Mr. Tenney m. (2d), May 1, 1861, Lizzie M. Tolman
of Nelson. He now resides in Hancock.
- 114 III. *Alice L.*, b. July 21, 1864.
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- (97) GOODHUE TENNEY, son of Calvin, m. (1st), Dec. 22,
1853, Philena M. Smalley, who d. Apr. 4, 1859.
- 115 I. *Alice*, b. March 13, 1859; d. Feb. 28, 1864.
- Mr. Tenney m. (2d), Nov. 27, 1862, Ann E. Whitney
of Fitzwilliam.
- 116 II. *Flora Bell* (an adopted dau.), b. in Maria, N.Y.,
Aug. 19, 1872.
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- (100) HENRY C. TENNEY, son of Calvin, m., March 18, 1858,
Julia C. Stebbins of Hinsdale; resides in Orange, Mass.
- 117 I. *Fred C.*, b. July 9, 1859.
- 118 II. *Lockhart S.*, b. Nov. 2, 1865.

From an early age, Mr. Tenney manifested an unusual fondness for books, and zealously applied himself to every means of obtaining knowledge. His evenings were devoted to study, and the facilities for education offered by his native town improved to the utmost, and his college preparatory course completed at Westminster, Vt., under Prof. L. F. Ward. His close application to study permanently injured his eyesight; and, with the cherished object of his ambition almost within his grasp, he was forced to forego his plans of college and a professional career.

For the next few years, he followed the vocation of teacher in various New England towns, holding successively the post of principal in Mettowee Academy, Pawlet, Vt., Peterborough Academy, and the High School in Marl.

The people of Marl. showed their appreciation of his



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RESIDENCE OF DANIEL W. TENNY.

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abilities by conferring upon him various offices of trust and honor. These he filled with justice and prudence to the satisfaction of all.

Leaving his native town, he lived for some time a wanderer's life, visiting the land of gold, the Pacific coast, and finally settled in East Jaffrey in 1862, as clerk of the cotton manufactory of A. Bascomb & Co. For nearly six years, much of the business devolved upon him; and he was held in the highest esteem by his employers.

Leaving Jaffrey in the spring of 1868, he opened a general store in Orange, Mass., under the firm name of H. C. Tenney & Co. In the rapid growth and development of the town, this was gradually changed to a jobbing and retailing hardware and paint and oil house.

He was one of the founders of the Orange Savings and Orange National Banks, and has always been and still is an officer of each.

Mr. Tenney is an able and thoughtful speaker. His voice is often heard in the business and literary circles of the town of his adoption. He possesses in a marked degree the faculty of concentration, or thinking upon his feet, ever ready to answer with crushing effect any and every attack upon him.

As a scholar, he is searching and thorough; as a teacher, practical and full of apt illustrations; as a merchant, prompt and energetic; as a man in all the various stations of life, he is ever the firm lover and champion of right.

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DANIEL W. TENNEY, son of Calvin, m., Aug. 1, 1861, Jane A., dau. of William and Anliza (Whitcomb) Tenney, who d. Oct. 5, 1879.

Mr. Tenney commenced his business life as clerk in the store of G. D. Richardson & Co., serving an apprenticeship of one year, after which he opened a store in Lowellville, in the firm of Tenney & Nason.

We next find him on the road, a wholesale peddler. Being moderately successful in trade, he next developed as a manufacturer of wooden ware in the firm of D. W. & W. M. Tenney.

In 1867, as the head of the Marlboro Manufacturing Company, he introduced in town the manufacture of woollen goods, opening up a new industry, and giving a fresh impetus to business. Gradually, the tub and pail business was swallowed up in this new enterprise, the spindle and loom supplanting the saw and lathe. The business was a success until the crash of 1877, when he was forced to retire. He successively held with fidelity the many offices of trust within the gift of the town, whose present thrift and prosperity are mainly due to his

stirring genius in thus developing her manufacturing interests.

- 119 I. *Willie W.*, b. Jan. 18, 1864.
 120 II. *Jennie May*, b. May 8, 1865.
 121 III. *Dan. Herbert*, b. Nov. 15, 1868.

122 SIMON TENNEY, a nephew of William Tenney, Sen., b. probably in Littleton, Mass., Dec. 3, 1777; m., March 4, 1802, Sybel Brooks of Littleton, b. Apr. 14, 1781. He removed to New Salem, Mass., where he carried on the tanning business, and was also town clerk for a number of years. He served three months in the war of 1812. He resided at Sand Lake, N.Y.; from thence he removed to Marl., and occupied for a few years a house which formerly stood opposite the present residence of Amos A. Mason. He d. in Winchester, Nov. 16, 1860. His wife d. Oct. 31, 1872.

- 123 I. *Elwin P.*, b. Jan. 18, 1803; m., and resides in Winchester.
 124 II. *Irene*, b. Nov. 13, 1805; d. Nov. 28, 1805.
 125 III. *Caroline*, b. May 2, 1807; d. Dec. 29, 1807.
 126 IV. *Louisa*, b. May 1, 1811; m. William Stowits of Troy, N.Y.; removed to Ill.
 127 V. *Amos B.*, b. May 28, 1815.†
 128 VI. *Pamilla P.*, b. June 17, 1819; m. Albert Jones, *q.v.*

(127) AMOS B. TENNEY, son of Simon, m., Nov. 25, 1841, Reliefs., dau. of Silas and Achsah (Holman) McColleston. In 1846, he bought the Charles McColleston place, where he resided until 1863, when he sold to David McIntire. In 1867, he removed to North Lawrence, N.Y., where he was for several years engaged in manufacturing pails. He now resides in Keene.

- 129 I. *Oliver S.*, b. Aug. 8, 1843; m. Hattie Harrington.
 130 II. *Ada P.*, b. Sept. 22, 1848; d. Nov. 10, 1864.

131 DANIEL TENNEY (genealogy not traced, but supposed to be a cousin of William Tenney, Sen.) lived for some time about 1780 north of the Stone pond. But little is known of him, except that he was a basket-maker and travelled about from place to place, carrying his baskets on his back, offering them for sale. He afterwards removed to Hancock, and resided on the east side of Long pond, where he d. in 1812. His wife was Lucy Shattuck of Pepperell, Mass. They had three sons, who m. and removed to Webster, Ontario Co., N.Y.

- 132 I. *Daniel*.
 133 II. *Shadrach*.
 134 III. *Meshach*.

- 1 BENJAMIN THATCHER, b. Oct. 10, 1760; m. Rhany Harvey. He entered the war of the Revolution at the age of 17, and served three years. (See Chap. III.) He came to Marl. in 1785, and settled on the farm now owned by Charles W. Capron, where he resided until his death, Apr. 10, 1850. His wife d. Dec. 9, 1835.
- 2 I. *Bulah*, b. July 16, 1784; m. Silas Rhodes, *q.v.*
- 3 II. *Rhany*, b. Apr. 14, 1786; d. Apr. 27, 1860, um.
- 4 III. *Benjamin*, b. March 14, 1788. +
- 5 IV. *William*, b. March 10, 1790; m., Dec. 7, 1815, Sally, dau. of Jonathan and Delila (Rhodes) Bemis; d. in Canada, May 24, 1838.
- 6 V. *Elias*, b. May 22, 1792. +
- 7 VI. *Jemima*, b. Sept. 9, 1794; d. Sept. 3, 1796.
- 8 VII. *Levi*, b. Dec. 6, 1796. +
- 9 VIII. *Cyrus*, b. May 9, 1799; m. Esther, dau. of William and Esther (Maynard) White. She d. Feb. 3, 1873, c.
- 10 IX. *Jemima*, b. June 4, 1801; d. Nov. 9, 1859, um.
- 11 X. *Nancy*, b. Aug. 24, 1803; d. Dec. 5, 1844, um.
- 12 XI. *Joseph*, b. Sept. 22, 1806; m. Nancy Joslin of Stoddard; settled in Keene; d. Nov., 1873.
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- (4) BENJAMIN THATCHER, son of Benjamin, m., Apr. 25, 1812, Betsey Page of Roxbury, who d. Sept. 19, 1853. He d. Apr. 23, 1847.
- 13 I. *A. Melinda*, b. Aug. 26, 1813; m., Aug., 1852, Albert Bosworth.
- 14 II. *George*, b. Sept. 8, 1815. +
- 15 III. *Eliza Jane*, b. Aug. 5, 1817; d. Jan. 7, 1825.
- 16 IV. *Mary A.*, b. May 26, 1819; m., Apr., 1840, Daniel H. Bates; d. in Westboro, Mass., Sept., 1873.
- 17 V. *Sophronia C.*, b. Apr. 9, 1821; m., Nov., 1843, Daniel B. Gary; d. in Zanesville, O., Feb., 1852.
- 18 VI. *Sarah A.*, b. May 9, 1823; d. May 12, 1823.
- 19 VII. *Charles*, b. Aug. 7, 1824. He entered the army in Sept., 1861, was wounded at Gettysburg, July 2, and d. July 20, 1863.
- 20 VIII. *Sumner*, b. Jan. 17, 1827; m., Apr., 1857, Mary Hodge of Owego, N.Y.
- 21 IX. *Maria E.*, b. Sept. 2, 1828; d. Oct. 9, 1850.
- 22 X. *S. Elida*, b. Sept. 27, 1830; m., Nov., 1853, M. D. Moore.
- 23 XI. *Rosaline M.*, b. Sept. 25, 1834; um.
- 24 XII. *James*, b. March 20, 1837; m., May, 1860, Ellen C. Baxter.
- 25 1. Henry L., b. July 14, 1861.
- 26 2. Bertha E., ———; d. Jan., 1867, æ. seven weeks.

- 27 3. C. Abiah, ———; d. Sept., 1868, æ.
twelve weeks.
- 28 4. Austin E., b. Dec. 26, 1870.
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- (6) DEA. ELIAS THATCHER, son of Benjamin, m., Jan. 16, 1811, Caty, dau. of Daniel and Dinah (Converse) Woodward. He resided for many years in Swanzey, but in his old age returned to Marl. to reside with his children. He was for many years a deacon of the Baptist Church. He d. Feb. 7, 1879. His wife d. Feb. 6, 1879.
- 29 I. *Willard*, b. June 20, 1811; m. in N.Y. Eliza Morse; d. Nov. 23, 1871.
- 30 II. *Elias A.*, b. Nov. 20, 1814. +
- 31 III. *Catharine*, b. March 20, 1816; m. Artemas Bemis, *q.v.*
- 32 IV. *David*, b. Jan. 11, 1818; um.
- 33 V. *Elmira*, b. May 10, 1819; m. Elisha Ayer; d. March 13, 1855.
- 34 VI. *Philander*, b. June 16, 1821. +
- 35 VII. *Esther*, b. Dec. 25, 1823; um.
- 36 VIII. *Rhoney J.*, b. June 22, 1825; d. Sept. 24, 1865, um.
- 37 IX. *Nancy*, b. March 7, 1827; m. Levi T. White, *q.v.*
- 38 X. *Warren*, b. May 8, 1831; m. Lucy Emerson of Royalston, Mass., who d., and he m. (2d) Delia Wood of Gardner, Dec. 25, 1878. He d. Nov. 19, 1879.
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- (8) DEA. LEVI THATCHER, son of Benjamin, m., May 5, 1825, Hannah, dau. of William and Esther (Maynard) White; settled on the home farm, where he still resides. He was for several years deacon of the Baptist Church.
- 39 I. *Emiline B.*, b. Sept. 16, 1827; m. Curtis W. Capron, *q.v.*
- 40 II. *Aurelia H.*, b. Jan. 10, 1831; m. Charles W. Capron, *q.v.*
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- (14) GEORGE THATCHER, son of Benjamin, Jr., m., Sept., 1843, Abiah Haselton of Dresden, N.Y., who d. June 16, 1868.
- 41 I. *George Henry*, b. Jan. 30, 1845; d. Aug. 16, 1860.
- 42 II. *Ella M.*, b. March 15, 1848; d. Feb. 27, 1864.
- 43 III. *Charles H.*, b. Sept. 30, 1862.
- Mr. Thatcher m. (2d), Mar. 30, 1870, Ellen J. Howard.
- 44 IV. *Infant dau.*, b. Aug. 7, 1872; d. Aug. 7, 1872.
- 45 V. *George Howard*, b. Oct. 22, 1876.
- George Thatcher was b. in Keene, Sept. 8, 1815, and resided in Keene, Swanzey, and Marl. at different times,



George Thatcher

until 1855, when he became a permanent resident of Marl. He was quite extensively engaged in the wood and lumber business, having bought several farms, and removed the wood and timber from them previous to his permanent settlement in Marl. In 1859, he purchased the Marl. "Hotel property" and the brick-mill now belonging to the Marl. Manufacturing Company, and, in connection with keeping the hotel, for six years carried on the pail manufacturing business. In 1867, he built the house on West Street which he now occupies, and rented the hotel buildings, and about this time sold the brick-mill. Since occupying his present residence, he has kept himself busy in looking after his real estate interest. He found time, however, to invent and get patented, in 1877, a road-scraper, which is considered by the best judges in road-making and repairing to be an article of great practical value, and the best thing out for that purpose.

Mr. Thatcher is one of the *solid* men of the town financially, and spares no labor or expense in improving everything coming into his possession. The hotel buildings, while owned by him, were remodelled, and wonderfully improved and beautified, particularly by the removal of the barn to its present position, and the additions made to it. On his Newton farm, he has erected one of the finest barns in the county. Having no aspirations for office-holding, he has always declined the solicitations of his friends in that direction; but for real, sound judgment in business matters, and particularly in the value of real estate, no person in town excels him.

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- (30) ELIAS A. THATCHER, son of Dea. Elias, m., May 4, 1835, Delina, dau. of William and Esther (Maynard) White.
- 46 I. *Willard E.*, b. Nov. 10, 1835; m., Oct. 29, 1858, Floralla C. Wyman. He was a member of Co. C, 14th Reg. N.H. Vols.; d. at Offatts Crossroads, Dec. 31, 1862.
- 47 1. Willie A., b. Nov. 13, 1860.
- 48 2. Henry A., b. Nov. 14, 1861.
- 49 3. George W., b. June 2, 1862.
- 50 II. *Esther D.*, b. Feb. 13, 1838; m. (1st) Thomas L. White, *q.v.* He d., and she m. (2d) Charles V. Smith, *q.v.*
- 51 III. *Doratha N.*, b. Aug. 4, 1842; d., Dec. 11, 1867, um.
- 52 IV. *Ella A.*, b. Oct. 17, 1846; m., July 9, 1876, Frank H. Parker of Claremont.

- (34) PHILANDER THATCHER, son of Dea. Elias, m., Apr. 14, 1846, Roxa L., dau. of Silas Whitcomb.
- 53 I. *Ellen L.*, b. July 14, 1850; d. Apr. 8, 1853.
- 54 II. *Herbert P.*, b. Aug. 9, 1855; d. May 31, 1859.
- 55 III. *Mary J.*, b. Oct. 14, 1860.
- 56 IV. *Bertie P.*, b. Nov. 23, 1865.

THOMPSON.

JAMES THOMPSON came to this country from Ireland (tradition says) in 1712, bringing with him one son, Samuel, then fourteen years of age. They settled in what is now Holden, Mass., where they both d. in Aug., 1755. Samuel had eight or nine children, the youngest of whom was Thomas.

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- 1 THOMAS THOMPSON, son of Samuel, was b. in Holden, Mass., 1742. He m. his first wife in Royalston, but her name has not been ascertained. He came to Marl. about 1780, where he resided some ten years, and then removed to Keene, where he d. Feb. 21, 1813. While a resident of this town, he was published to Sarah Scott of Fitzwilliam.
- 2 I. *Azubah*, b. in Marl., May 2, 1783; m. — Aldrich of Uxbridge, Mass.
- 3 II. *Thomas*, b. in Marl., Apr. 6, 1785; d. in Keene, June 4, 1857.
- 4 III. *Isaac*, b. in Marl., March 2, 1787; d. Dec. 20, 1864.
- 5 IV. *Sally*, b. ———.
- 6 V. *Aaron*, b. 1790; d. in Keene, March 10, 1847.
- 7 VI. *Daniel*, b. in Keene, Jan. 31, 1794.
- 8 VII. *John*, d. 1866.
- 9 VIII. *Luther*, d. 1856.
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- 10 SAMUEL THOMPSON (supposed to be a nephew of Thomas, Sen.), came to this town from Princeton, Mass., 1783. His wife was Molly ——. Names of the following children appear on the town records.
- 11 I. *James*, b. Apr. 10, 1783.
- 12 II. *Moses*, b. Apr. 20, 1785.
- 13 III. *Samuel*, b. June 18, 1787.
- 14 IV. *Isaac*, b. Apr. 3, 1789.
- 15 V. *Jeremiah*, b. Sept. 22, 1791.
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- 16 JAMES THOMPSON and Sally Cutting m., Sept. 22, 1796.
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- 17 HUGH THOMPSON m. Polly Lawrence, 1794.
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- 18 MOWRY AUGUSTUS THOMPSON, son of Alvah and Ar-

villa (Page) Thompson, b. in East Swanzey, March 5, 1830; m., June 17, 1851, Laura Jerusha Newton, b. at Saxton's River, Vt., June 15, 1832. They resided in East Swanzey until 1870, when they removed to Marl., where they have since resided.

19 i. *Mary J.*, b. in East Swanzey, Feb. 5, 1859.

1 DAVID THURSTON became a settler of Marl. some time previous to 1776. He was b. July 8, 1736, but at what place we have no knowledge. He m. a young lady by the name of Eunice Whitney, and settled first in Leominster, Mass., where he resided for several years. He then came to Marl., and located on the old road leading to Pottersville. His wife d. Jan. 5, 1802; and he afterwards removed to Owego, N.Y., where he d. Aug. 6, 1826. First four children b. in Leominster, Mass., remainder in Marl.

2 i. *Benjamin*, b. Dec. 26, 1766; m. Sally —, and removed to Canada. He had the following children b. in Marl.

3 1. Ginnet, b. Aug. 30, 1792.

4 2. Sally, b. March 9, 1794.

5 ii. *David*, b. Oct. 17, 1768; m. Fannie Darling of Keene; removed to Owego, N.Y., about 1812. The oldest child b. in Marl., the others in Owego.

6 1. Fannie, b. June 27, 1809; m. Prentiss Ransom; resides in Iowa City, Ia.

7 2. Nancy, b. March 24; m. Drury Thompson; resides in Mobile, Ala.

8 3. George W., resides in Owego.

9 4. David Whitney, resides in Syracuse, N.Y.

10 5. John Metcalf, resides in Syracuse, N.Y.

11 6. Mary Almeda, m. Anson Garrison.

12 7. James Sidney, resides in Elmira, N.Y.

13 iii. *Levi*, b. June 1, 1770; m. Sally Newton; removed to Binghamton, N.Y.; d. Aug. 20, 1861.

14 iv. *John*, b. July 21, 1772; m., Nov. 4, 1801, Lydia, dau. of Daniel Ball; resided for many years in St. Johnsbury, Vt. The following children b. in Marl.

15 1. Leland, b. May 29, 1803.

16 2. Roswell, b. Oct. 22, 1807.

17 3. Emily, b. March 8, 1810.

18 v. *Samuel*, b. Aug. 16, 1775.†

19 vi. *Jason*, b. June 4, 1777; m., and lived in Nobleborough, Me.

- 20 VII. *Eunice*, b. June 25, 1780; m., Oct. 6, 1805, Abraham Garfield; removed to Londondery, Vt.; d. Feb. 23, 1841.
- 21 VIII. *Stephen*, b. March 18, 1783; d. Jan. 25, 1784.
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- (18) SAMUEL THURSTON, son of David, m., Jan. 1, 1800, Sally French. He resided for several years in the old "Red Tavern," then removed to Alstead, where he d. Dec. 23, 1873. His wife d. March 2, 1839.
- 22 I. *Louisa*, b. Dec. 16, 1800; m. Timothy Dort of Gilsum; d. Nov. 5, 1835.
- 23 II. *Jonas Gilman*, b. Oct. 8, 1802; d. Apr. 17, 1804.
- 24 III. *Joseph*, b. May 30, 1804; m. Betsey Brown of Sullivan; resides in Keene.
- 25 IV. *Hartley*, b. March 3, 1806; m. Arminda Robinson; settled in Berlin, Wisconsin; d. in Alstead, 1879.
- 26 V. *Alden Spooner*, b. Sept. 12, 1809; m. Esther Adaline Miller; resides in Alstead.
- 27 VI. *Franklin Robinson*, b. Jan. 22, 1815.†
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- (27) FRANKLIN R. THURSTON, son of Samuel, m. (1st), May 24, 1838, Fannie L., dau. of Charles and Polly (Converse) Holman, who d. Dec. 23, 1871; and he m. (2d), Nov. 28, 1878, Mrs. H. Elizabeth (Nichols) Hoit of Concord, b. in Boston, July 12, 1829. Children by first wife.
- 28 I. *Charles Holman*, b. June 3, 1842; m., Nov. 23, 1864, Amanda C., dau. of Col. Cyrus and Caroline (Richardson) Frost.
- 29 1. Frank Watson, b. Sept. 7, 1865.
- 30 2. Clarence Frost, b. Apr. 1, 1870; d. Sept. 28, 1870.
- 31 3. Charles Willis, b. May 18, 1872.
- 32 4. Arthur Clemens, b. Oct. 8, 1873; d. Feb. 22, 1874.
- 33 II. *Ella Chestina*, b. Dec. 4, 1848; m., Aug. 20, 1872, Horatio S. Richardson; resides in Cambridgeport, Mass.
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- 1 CHRISTOPHER TILDEN, son of Benjamin and Lucinda (Boynton) Tilden, b. in Fitchburg, Mass., Aug. 25, 1813; m. (1st), Nov. 25, 1837, Caroline, dau. of Archie and Susanna (Jones) Tenney; settled first in Fitchburg; came to Marl. to reside Apr., 1840. He worked for several years at shoemaking, and then turned his attention to pail-turning, which business he follows at the present time.

- 2 | I. *George*, b. in Fitchburg, Nov. 4, 1838.†
 3 | II. *An infant dau.*, b. in Marl.; d. Aug. 3, 1840.
 Mrs. Tilden d. Aug. 12, 1840; and he m. (2d), July 8,
 1841, Lovisa B., dau. of Nathaniel and Sally (Barker)
 Richardson.
- 4 | III. *Oliver Washburn*, b. in Marl., Oct. 1, 1848; d.
 Dec. 27, 1865.
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- (2) | GEORGE TILDEN, son of Christopher, m., June 4, 1860,
 Betsey L., dau. of Leonard and Hannah (Tolles) Roby,
 b. May 30, 1839. Mr. Tilden was a member of Co. E,
 6th Reg. N.H. Vols.
- 5 | I. *Leonard Ellsworth*, b. March 28, 1861.
 6 | II. *Caroline Hannah*, b. Oct. 7, 1869.

TOLMAN.

THOMAS TOLMAN emigrated to this country from England about 1635, and settled in Dorchester, Mass. His first wife, whom he probably m. in England, was Sarah —. She d., and he m. (2d) Katherine —, who d. Nov. 7, 1677, and he d. Jan. 28, 1690. He had seven children. His son John, b. 1642, m. (1st) Elizabeth Collins of Lynn, who was probably b. Apr. 8, 1666. She d. Oct. 7, 1690; and he m. (2d), June 15, 1692, Mary Paul. He d. Jan. 1, 1724–25. Henry, son of John, b. March, 1678–79, m. Hannah —. He resided at Dorchester for some years, and then removed to Attleboro, where he d. at an advanced age. His wife d. Nov. 11, 1735. His son Henry, b. in Dorchester, Feb. 23, 1708, m. Mary, dau. of Dea. Benjamin Slack of Attleboro. He resided in Attleboro, and d. Dec. 25, 1762. His widow d. in Fitzwilliam, Dec. 26, 1785. Three of his sons, Ebenezer, Joseph, and Benjamin, settled in Marl.

- 1 | EBENEZER TOLMAN, son of Henry and Mary (Slack) Tolman, was b. in Attleboro, May 31, 1748. He was left an orphan at the age of eight years. At the age of fourteen, he was apprenticed to a carpenter; and, at the age of twenty-one, he removed to Fitzwilliam, and at the commencement of the Revolution joined the army, and was at the battle of Bunker Hill. (See Chap. III.) March, 1781, he m. Mary Clark of New Ipswich. He resided in Fitzwilliam six years after his marriage, and then came to Marl., where he remained three years, and then removed to Nelson, where he passed the remainder of his days, and d. Dec. 27, 1838. His wife d. Apr. 18, 1824.
- 2 | I. *Polly*, b. in Fitzwilliam, Feb. 16, 1782; d. Aug. 18, 1796.
 3 | II. *Ebenezer*, b. in Fitzwilliam, Apr. 23, 1784; m., May, 1816, Hopeful Randall.
 4 | III. *George*, b. in Fitzwilliam, May 31, 1785; m., May 6, 1815, Mrs. Joanna T. Whitteman.

- 5 iv. *Betsey*, b. in Marl., June 2, 1788; m., Apr. 27,
1817, Thomas Baker.
- 6 v. *Cynthia*, b. in Marl., Jan. 25, 1793; m., Apr., 1816,
Josiah Richardson.
- 7 vi. *William*, b. in Nelson, Nov. 7, 1795; m., Oct. 9,
1827, Mary Bancroft.
- 8 vii. *Mary*, b. in Nelson, Feb. 11, 1798; m., Sept. 21,
1836, C. C. Rich.
- 9 viii. *Cyrus*, b. in Nelson, March 16, 1800; m., 1830,
Lucy Abbott.
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- 10 JOSEPH TOLMAN, a brother of Ebenezer, was b. in At-
tleboro, Mass., July 30, 1752. He was apprenticed at an
early age to learn the art and mystery of the blacksmith,
at Taunton. Soon after he became of age, he went to
Fitzwilliam, where he remained till 1778, when he pur-
chased a lot of land in Marl., which is the farm now
known as the Maj. Tolman place. His wife was Martha
Clark, who d. March 21, 1852. He d. Apr. 22, 1813.
- 11 i. *Thomas*, b. July 11, 1783.†
- 12 ii. *Joseph*, b. Dec. 3, 1784; d. in infancy.
- 13 iii. *Martha*, b. Jan. 23, 1787; m., March 20, 1820,
Daniel Sewall.
- 14 iv. *Joseph*, b. March 8, 1789; m., Apr. 3, 1815, Mrs.
Susan Blood, widow of David Blood.
- 15 v. *Nancy*, b. Jan. 18, 1793; m. Thomas Brown of
Sullivan.
- 16 vi. *Diadama*, b. June 5, 1795; m., March, 1818,
Oliver Bemis of Dublin; removed to Guildhall,
Vt.
- 17 vii. *Susanna*, b. July 7, 1798; m., 1818, Edward C.
Hale.
- 18 viii. *Betsey*, b. Jan. 19, 1800; m., Apr., 1819, Jeremy
Knowlton of Dublin. She d. in Wisconsin,
Apr. 16, 1847.
- 19 ix. *Louisa*, b. March 5, 1802; d. Apr. 19, 1830, um.
- 20 x. *John*, b. Oct. 13, 1803; m., Sept. 15, 1826, Salome
Corbin of New Ipswich; removed to Guildhall,
Vt.
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- (11) MAJ. THOMAS TOLMAN, son of Joseph, m., March 12,
1812, Sarah Clark, b. Aug. 5, 1785; settled on the home
farm. He d. Dec. 14, 1868. She d. June 10, 1864.
- 21 i. *Samuel Clark*, b. Nov. 9, 1812; m., Dec. 19, 1837,
Ann N. Dearbon.
- 22 ii. *Thomas*, b. March 12, 1814; m., Nov. 30, 1836,
Susan R. Adams; resides in Troy. A record of
his family was applied for, but none received.

- 23 III. *Mary Leslie*, b. Sept. 14, 1815; m., Oct. 26, 1842, John P. Sabin.
- 24 IV. *William G.*, b. Jan. 31, 1817; m., March 6, 1842, Abbie McColleston; resides in Fitchburg.
- 25 V. *Cahill*, b. May 25, 1818; m., Sept. 9, 1842, Rebecca Torry of Fitchburg, where he now resides.
- 26 VI. *Sarah*, b. Apr. 28, 1820; m., Oct. 13, 1845, Ammon Woodward; removed to Lisbon, Me.
- 27 VII. *Martha A.*, b. Nov. 10, 1821; d. March 7, 1847, um.
- 28 VIII. *Daniel Lock*, b. July 9, 1823.†
- 29 IX. *A daughter*, b. May 23, 1825; d. in infancy.
- 30 X. *Harriet Newell*, b. Jan. 30, 1827.
- 31 XI. *Leander*, b. Oct. 2, 1828; m., March 28, 1848, Lucy Copeland of Thompson, Conn. He d. July 5, 1857.

(28) DANIEL L. TOLMAN, son of Maj. Thomas, m., Aug. 20, 1851, Mary Maria Reed of Keene. He resided a few years in Keene, and then settled on the home farm, where he remained until 1872, when he removed to Red Oak, Ia., where Mrs. Tolman d. Nov. 13, 1874.

- 32 I. *Clara Maria*, b. in Keene, Oct. 5, 1852; m., July 3, 1879, William W. White of Hawthorn, Ia.
- 33 II. *Lizzie M.*, b. in Keene, Dec. 19, 1853.
- 34 III. *Fayette Cahill*, b. in Keene, Aug. 25, 1855.
- 35 IV. *Laura M.*, b. in Marl., Aug. 6, 1857; m., March 26, 1879, J. Walter Scott of Stanton, Ia.
- 36 V. *Mary Louisa*, b. in Marl., May 6, 1860.
- 37 VI. *Sarah Emma Augusta*, b. in Marl., Oct. 30, 1864.

38 BENJAMIN TOLMAN, another brother of Joseph, was b. in Dorchester, Mass., May 6, 1756. He resided some years in Attleboro, from which place he went to Fitzwilliam about the year 1770. He m. Hepzibeth, dau. of Jacob Newell, and resided in Fitzwilliam till 1780, when he removed to that part of Marl. now within the limits of Troy. In the struggle for American Independence, he took an active part. (See Chap. III.) He d. March 9, 1840. His widow d. July 20, 1842.

- 39 I. *Benjamin*, b. Apr. 5, 1782; removed to Fitchburg.
- 40 II. *Henry*, b. March 6, 1783; m. Polly Harris of Troy; d. in Sterling, Mass., March 6, 1851.
- 41 III. *Charles*, d. at an early age.
- 42 IV. *Hepzibeth*, d. at an early age.
- 43 V. *Charles*, b. Apr. 5, 1789; m., Jan. 1, 1817, Alta Anderson of Albany, N.Y. He was in some of the most noted engagements of the war of 1812.

- 44 VI. *Jacob*, b. Oct. 9, 1790; removed to Fitchburg.
 45 VII. *Hepzibeth*, b. 1793; d. in Troy.
 46 VIII. *David*, b. 1795; m. Martha Ballou; d. in Troy.
 47 IX. *Nathan*, b. 1797; d. in Fitchburg.
 48 X. *Stephen*, b. 1798; settled in Troy.
 49 XI. *Sally*, b. 1800; m., and removed to the West.
 50 XII. *Calvin*, b. 1803; m. Mary Bowers; removed to
 Fitchburg.
 51 XIII. *Anna*, b. 1804; m. Amasa Aldrich; settled in
 Troy.
 52 XIV. *Luther*, b. 1807; removed to the West.

1 ROGER TOOTHAKER was a resident in town in 1796. He was best known as a quack doctor, and was generally addressed as Dr. Toothaker. His residence was a rude hovel which formerly stood near a large rock about half-way between where Henry Esty now resides and the house of Elijah Gates. His business was not so lucrative as many of his profession, and he is said to have been miserably poor. His residence here was short, he probably leaving for some place where he could have a more extensive practice. His wife, Mary, united with the church Apr. 10, 1796, by virtue of a letter of dismissal and recommendation from the church in Merrimack. No record of the family has been received.

- 1 DANIEL TOWNE, son of Archelaus and Ruth (Henny) Towne, b. in Stoddard, Jan. 17, 1821; m., March 7, 1844, Emily Sophia, dau. of Harrison and Sophia (Beverstock) Rugg, b. in Sullivan, July 17, 1825. He removed with his family from Sullivan to Marl., in the fall of 1870.
- 2 I. *Emily Rosette*, b. in Sullivan, Apr. 25, 1845; m., Nov. 26, 1868, Albert Davis of Sullivan; resides in Nelson.
- 3 II. *Clarissa Ann*, b. in Langdon, June 15, 1847; m., March 24, 1875, George H. Clapp; resides in Brattleboro, Vt.
- 4 III. *Watson Daniel*, b. in Langdon, May 20, 1850; m., Nov. 26, 1874, Jennie Estella, dau. of Minot and Caroline E. (Harris) Phillips of Roxbury, b. Jan. 21, 1855; d. Dec. 11, 1879.
- 5 1. Harry Delbert, b. Jan. 9, 1877.
- 6 2. Minot Watson, b. Sept. 21, 1879.
- 7 IV. *Loren Wesley*, b. in Langdon, Jan. 24, 1853; m., March 6, 1878, Stella M. Carr of Keene; resides in East Sullivan.
- 8 v. *Addie Lavina*, b. in Langdon, Oct. 15, 1855.

- 9 | vi. *Lizzie Ruth*, b. at North White Creek, N.Y., June
19, 1858; d. Dec. 26, 1860.
- 10 | vii. *Ellsworth Harrison*, b. in Hebron, N.Y., Nov. 4,
1861; d. Oct. 7, 1862.
- 11 | viii. *Ella Sophia*, b. in Hebron, N.Y., Aug. 1, 1863.
- 12 | ix. *Lester Henry*, b. in Cambridge, N.Y., Dec. 29,
1864.

- 1 | GEORGE W. TOWNS, b. Jan. 4, 1807, in that part of
Keene which was afterwards set off to make the town of
Roxbury. He m., Sept., 1831, Laura, dau. of Capt. Asa
and Lucy (Whitney) Lawrence of Roxbury. He settled
first in Roxbury, where all but the two youngest of his
children were b. For the last twenty years of his life,
he resided in Marl.
- 2 | i. *Charles A.*, b. Dec. 10, 1833; m. Lucretia Knight.
He d. Apr. 12, 1858.
- 3 | ii. *Lucy Whitney*, b. Feb. 25, 1836; m., Jan. 1, 1857,
John Sawtelle. She d. —.
- 4 | iii. *Lyman*, b. Dec. 29, 1838; d. Nov. 11, 1839.
- 5 | iv. *Laura L.*, b. May 8, 1841; d. July 30, 1841.
- 6 | v. *Eveline E.*, b. Jan. 30, 1843; d. 1865.
- 7 | vi. *Emma Jane*, b. Dec. 24, 1845; m. Joseph Daniels;
resides in Hartford, Conn.
- 8 | vii. *Sarah Ann*, b. May 8, 1848; d. March 26, 1853.
- 9 | viii. *Lora E.*, b. Jan. 9, 1850; d. March 11, 1853.
- 10 | ix. *George Woodbury*, b. in Marl., March 1, 1858; re-
sides in Minnesota.
- Mrs. Towns d. March 5, 1858; and he m. (2d), 1858,
Nancy Smith of Sullivan. He d. Feb. 15, 1874.
- 11 | x. *Betie E.*, b. in Marl., March 7, 1863.

- 1 | JAMES TOWNSEND was b. in Wilton, Co. of Wiltshire,
England, June 9, 1802; sailed from Southampton, June,
1820, to Havre-de-Grace in France, and thence to Amer-
ica. He m., June 12, 1826, Sarah Killham, b. in Man-
chester, Mass., Aug. 24, 1801. At the time of his mar-
riage, he resided in Framingham, but removed to Troy,
N.Y., Sept. 27, 1827, to start up and put in operation the
Troy Woollen Manufactory. He resided there two
years, and then went to North Brookfield, Mass., to put
in operation a woollen-mill there. In a short time, he
again changed his residence, this time removing to
Lowell, where he was engaged as a dyer and finisher of
woollen flannels. He afterwards resided for a short time
at North Andover and North Dighton; removed to Gil-
sum, Nov., 1836, from which place he came to Marl., with
a decision to live, and as a "dyer to die." He has from

that time to the present been engaged in the manufacture of woollen yarn, the quality of which is superior to any in the market. Mrs. Townsend d. Dec. 23, 1875.

- 2 i. *Sarah Ann*, b. in Framingham, Mass., Apr. 6, 1827; m., Sept. 13, 1853, Albert A. Anthony. She now resides, a widow, in Pepperill, Mass.
- 3 ii. *James F.*, b. in Troy, N.Y., Feb. 3, 1829; m., Apr. 3, 1856, Cynthia Elmina, dau. of Thomas J. and Lovina (Taft) Baker.
- 4 1. Elizabeth B., b. Oct. 11, 1859.
- 5 iii. *Mary Jane*, b. in North Brookfield, Mass., Oct. 24, 1831; um.
- 6 iv. *Charlotte E.*, b. in North Andover, Mass., June 13, 1833; m., Sept. 27, 1854, George W. Buxton of Nelson. Mr. Buxton was a member of Co. A, 2d Reg., Mass. Vol.; d. at Alexandria, Va., Aug. 31, 1863. She m. (2d), Jan. 1, 1867, John A. Prince; resides in Worcester, Mass.
- 7 v. *Daniel K.*, b. in North Dighton, Mass., Apr. 10, 1835; um.
- 8 vi. *Hannah M.*, b. in Gilsun, May 25, 1837; m., Sept. 5, 1867, Luke Knowlton, Jr., *q.v.*

1 RICHARD TOZER, b. in Southboro, Mass., Oct. 13, 1732; m., Feb. 14, 1753, Mary Belknap. He was one of the proprietors of Monadnock No. V, and, as such, drew three lots of land. One of these was in the south part of the township, another in the extreme northerly part, which he sold to his son John, reserving for himself the third lot, which is the farm known as the Blodgett place, now owned by Augustus T. Woodward, where he settled about 1770. At that time, he was a man of wealth; and it seems was highly esteemed, and held many offices of trust among the proprietors. But his last marriage proved an unhappy connection, and his property gradually wasted away; and in his old age he was very poor, and supported himself and family by collecting ashes and making potash. The following children b. in Southboro.

- 2 i. *John*, b. Apr. 23, 1754.†
- 3 ii. *Mary*, b. May 14, 1756.
- 4 iii. *Peter*, b. July 6, 1758; removed to Vermont.
- 5 iv. *Anna*, b. Sept. 30, 1760.
- 6 v. *Patty*, b. Oct. 26, 1762.
- 7 vi. *Deborah*, b. Oct. 6, 1764; m., Feb. 12, 1793, Joseph Fellows of Jaffrey.

Mrs. Tozer d. about 1770; and he m. (2d) Lydia Lewis,

who d. Sept. 7, 1821. He d. May 9, 1817. The following children b. in Marl.

- 8 VII. *Lewis*, b. March 3, 1771.
- 9 VIII. *Lydia*, b. Apr. 23, 1773.
- 10 IX. *Vina*, b. Nov. 5, 1776; m. Shubael Wentworth.
- 11 X. *Nellie*, b. Dec. 27, 1778; m. Adonijah Wheeler.
- 12 XI. *Ezra*, b. March 31, 1781. While engaged in grinding an axe, he bore on to the stone so hard as to rupture a blood-vessel, which caused his death instantly.
- 13 XII. *Simon*, b. Dec. 29, 1783.
- 14 XIII. *Sylvia*, b. July 5, 1787; d. in Westmoreland, um.
- 15 XIV. *Sila*, b. June 17, 1791.
- 16 XV. *Justus*, b. May 15, 1793; d. in Keene.

(2) JOHN TOZER, son of Richard, m. Mary Fry, and settled on the farm now known as the Moses Hardy place in Roxbury. He was somewhat distinguished for his incredible stories, which he narrated with assumed gravity, amusing himself with the staring wonder of credulous listeners.

- 17 I. *Hannah*, b. Jan. 18, 1779.
- 18 II. *John*, b. Aug. 26, 1780; d. in Boston, Nov. 17, 1806.
- 19 III. *Eben*, b. Feb. 23, 1783.
- 20 IV. *Ruth*, b. Feb. 17, 1785; d. young.
- 21 V. *Polly*, b. March 25, 1787; m. Samuel Parker of Nelson.
- 22 VI. *Olive*, b. May 23, 1789; m. (1st) Moses Maynard, *q.v.*; (2d), Feb. 8, 1827, John Houghton of Roxbury. She d. Apr. 1, 1834.
- 23 VII. *Eber*, b. June 5, 1792; d. in Jamestown, N.Y.
- 24 VIII. *David*, b. May 2, 1794; removed to Montrose, Mich.
- 25 IX. *Betsey*, b. June 30, 1796; m., June 11, 1840, John Houghton; d. in Jaffrey, Jan. 23, 1868.
- 26 X. *Elias*, b. Nov. 3, 1800; m., Apr. 15, 1827, Betsey Fifield; d. in Illinois.

1 JOSEPH TUBBS, son of Capt. Joseph and Rhoda (Henry) Tubbs, b. in Marlow, Jan. 23, 1789, m. Azubah, dau. of Dr. Joseph and Azubah (Henry) Munroe, b. in Hillsboro, March 7, 1795. In 1811, he removed to Peterboro, where he was for some years engaged in the manufacture of cotton yarns, candlewicking, etc. He continued this business until 1833, when he sold his mill. He afterwards removed to Hancock, from which place he came to Marl., and located on the farm which still bears his name. He returned to Peterboro in 1857,

where he d. May 22, 1859. His widow d. in Hancock, Jan. 16, 1871.

- 2 I. *Thomas Baker*, b. Feb. 24, 1815; resides in Hancock, um.
- 3 II. *Maria*, b. Sept. 22, 1817; m., March 15, 1849, Ambrose C. Blood of Hancock, who d. Nov. 26, 1873.
- 4 III. *Elijah Mumroe*, b. March 21, 1823; m. Sarah, dau. of Zadock and Sally (Snow) Merriam; d. in Manchester, Feb. 8, 1878.
- 5 IV. *Sarah Wallace*, b. Apr. 12, 1826; m. Benjamin F. Merriam, *q.v.*
- 6 V. *Louisa*, b. July 25, 1828; resides in Hancock, um.
- 7 VI. *Henry L.*, b. Feb. 24, 1831; m., Dec. 25, 1865, Mary Ann Rogers. He is a dentist; resides in Newport.

TUCKER.

BENJAMIN TUCKER emigrated from Wales, and was an early settler in Roxbury, Mass. His eldest son, Benjamin, m., and settled in Roxbury, and had among others Benjamin, b. in Roxbury, March 15, 1704.

- 1 BENJAMIN TUCKER, third son of Benjamin, m., Apr. 3, 1729, Mary, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Whitney) Warren of Watertown, Mass., bap. May 2, 1703. He settled first in Leicester, Mass., but came to this town with his family in Aug., 1765, and located on the old road leading from Keene to Boston, his house standing on the hill a few rods east of the mill formerly owned by Tarbell and Whitney, where he kept the first tavern in the township. He was one of the most influential men among the proprietors, and was one of the eight who composed the Congregational Church at its formation. He d. May 20, 1785, and his widow d. June 1, 1793. Children all b. in Leicester, Mass.
- 2 I. *Elizabeth*, b. May 24, 1730; d. Aug. 9, 1814.
- 3 II. *Mary*, b. March 5, 1732; d. Nov. 26, 1804, um.
- 4 III. *Benjamin*, b. Jan. 23, 1734; m. — Davis of Roxbury, Mass. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war. He resided for a few years in Marl., and then removed to Vermont.
- 5 1. Benjamin, who was living in Strafford, Vt., in 1840, at the age of 78, a Revolutionary pensioner.
- 6 2. Jacob Davis; settled in Strafford, Vt.
- 7 3. Ichabod. He was a lawyer, and resided many years in Salem, Mass.
- 8 IV. *Stephen*, b. Feb. 2, 1736; d. June 2, 1738.

- 9 v. *Joshua*, b. July 4, 1738; m., 1765, Elizabeth Davis of Roxbury, Mass., b. Apr. 7, 1747. He came to Monadnock No. V, with his father and brothers; resided here for several years, then removed to Strafford, Vt.
- 10 1. Esther, b. 1766; m. (1st) — Norton, (2d) — Carpenter; settled in Strafford, Vt., where she d. at an advanced age.
- 11 2. Jemima, m. Prince Hopkins. She d. in Springfield, N.Y., about 1826.
- 12 3. Jane L., m. (1st) — Norton, a brother of her sister's husband, (2d) — Barrett; settled in Strafford, Vt.
- 13 4. Eunice, b. 1779; m. Chillingworth Hopkins; settled in Hamilton, Madison Co., N.Y.
- 14 5. { Joshua, b. Aug. 10, 1780; settled in Cherry Valley, N.Y.; d. at an advanced age.
- 15 6. Twins. { Caleb, b. Aug. 10, 1780; settled in Cherry Valley, N.Y.; probably d. in 1828.
- 16 7. Elizabeth, b. 1784; m. Abram Shaft; settled in Ohio.
- 17 8. { Joseph, b. Feb. 17, 1790; settled in Cherry Valley, N.Y.; d. June 13, 1857.
- 18 9. Twins. { Benjamin, b. Feb. 17, 1790; settled in Cherry Valley, N.Y.; removed to Ohio, in 1837; d. 1855.
- 19 vi. *Abijah*, b. May 23, 1740. †
- 20 vii. *Caleb*, b. Apr. 25, 1742; pub. to Lucy Hardy, March, 1783; d. Jan. 12, 1809.
- 21 viii. *Moses*, b. Apr. 23, 1744; m., about 1781, Sarah, dau. of Thomas and Sarah Temple of Framingham, Mass., b. Apr. 14, 1746; settled on home farm, where he d. Jan. 10, 1803.
- 22 1. Joseph, b. Feb. 20, 1782.
- 23 2. Moses, b. May 12, 1784.

(19) **ABIJAH TUCKER**, son of Benjamin, came to this town with his father and brothers in Aug., 1765. He soon after m. a widow lady by the name of Elizabeth Rogers, and in 1767 built a house on the site now occupied by the Congregational Church, which was the first house built in the village. He was always called "Dea. Tucker," although he never held that office. He was a constant

attendant at church, and received that title from the fact that, being a good reader, he was often selected to line out the hymns for singing, in the absence of Dea. Flood. He was a man that was always true to his word, and withal a zealous patriot. When the tea was thrown overboard in Boston Harbor, he pledged himself to drink no more tea during life, and in no instance was he ever known to break that pledge. His wife d. Aug. 28, 1820, æ. 94. He d. Dec. 21, 1828.

24 | i. *Mary*, b. Apr. 8, 1768; d. Feb. 3, 1800, um.

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- 1 | EBENEZER TUFTS came from Billerica, Mass., about 1795, and settled on the west side of "Horse Hill," so called, in Roxbury. His first wife was Hannah —, who d. May 20, 1802.
- 2 | i. *Ebenezer*, was a soldier in the war of 1812.
- 3 | ii. *Betsey*, m., Jan. 4, 1810, Moses Greenfield of Deering.
- 4 | iii. *Eliakiam*.
- 5 | iv. *Lydia*, b. Aug. 4, 1796.
- 6 | v. *Catharine*, m., Dec. 21, 1815, Reuben Clark of Wrentham, Mass.
- 7 | vi. *Phebe*, b. Apr. 23, 1799.
- 8 | Mr. Tufts m. (2d) *Betsey* —.
- 8 | vii. *Abigail*, b. Sept. 24, 1803.
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- 1 | ELLIOT TWITCHELL, son of Joseph and Hannah (Greenwood) Twitchell was b. in Dublin, Aug. 5, 1821. Mr. Twitchell, is a carpenter by trade, and came to Marl. in 1849, and built the house now owned by Luther G. Bemis. In 1855, he commenced the erection of another set of buildings, which in due time were completed and occupied by him until the summer of 1880, when he removed to another house which he had recently erected, where he now resides, um. His aged mother resided with him for many years, and d. in Marl. Jan. 18, 1877, æ. 85.

- 2 | HORACE TWITCHELL, a brother of Elliot, b. in Dublin, Nov. 21, 1816; m. Julia A. Adams of Franklin, Mass., who d. Dec. 15, 1876. He came to Marl. to reside with his brother May, 1878, and d. Dec. 17, 1880, c.
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- 1 | THOMAS UPHAM, probably from Templeton, Mass., was in town in 1778, and resided on the farm now owned by Stillman Richardson. He was one of the selectmen in 1783. In 1787, he sold his farm and left the town. Nothing is known of his family.

- 2 | WIDOW REBECCA UPHAM, warned to leave town Feb. 28, 1785 (town records).
Widow Upham d. Apr. 24, 1803, æ. 88. (Fish records.)
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- 1 | LYMAN UNDERWOOD, b. in New Salem, Mass., Oct. 9, 1821; m., 1846, Elmira G. Phinney, b. in New Salem, Nov. 16, 1827. He came to Marl. from Orange, Mass., in 1859. Children all b. in Orange.
- 2 | I. *Granville M.*, b. March 30, 1848; d. Aug. 24, 1851.
- 3 | II. *Elon C.*, b. Oct. 8, 1850; d. Aug. 30, 1851.
- 4 | III. *Ruth E.*, b. Feb. 4, 1852; m., June 15, 1869, Franklin Leighton.
- 5 | 1. Charles C., b. July 9, 1872.
- 6 | 2. Flossie M., b. Sept. 28, 1877.
- 7 | IV. *Hiram M.*, b. Oct. 7, 1855; unm.
- 8 | V. *Lydia E.*, b. Oct. 17, 1858.
- 9 | VI. *Charles C.*, b. Jan. 3, 1860; d. July 31, 1865.

WAKEFIELD.

JOSEPH WAKEFIELD, said to be a native of Wales, was in Boston as early as 1727. His wife was Cassy Bridge. Their son Thomas, b. in Boston, Aug. 5, 1727, m., 1750, Dorcas, dau. of Timothy and Dorcas (Eaton) Pratt. He d. 1791. She d. 1802, æ. 77. Their son Thomas, b. in Reading, 1751, m., 1772, Elizabeth, dau. of Phinehas and Lucy (Colburn) Hardy of Hollis, b. in Bradford, Mass., July 22, 1750. He resided in Amherst, N.H., seven years, and in 1778 settled in Dublin, and in 1804 removed to Jaffrey, where he d. Jan., 1839.

- 1 | JAMES WAKEFIELD, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hardy) Wakefield, b. in Dublin, Sept. 9, 1782; m., Oct. 11, 1803, Hannah, dau. of Elias and Mary (Patterson) Hemenway. They came to Marl. immediately after their marriage, and located in the north part of the town on what is still known as the Wakefield place, and was set off to help make the town of Roxbury, in 1812. Mr. Wakefield was a citizen of marked integrity, and of considerable prominence, serving, while a resident of Roxbury, as town clerk, selectman, and representative, also as Justice of the Peace for many years. He removed to Marl. village about 1837.
- 2 | I. *James P.*, b. May 31, 1805; m., Apr., 1830, Hannah B. Hall of Roxbury, Mass.; d. in Wisconsin, Dec., 1871.
- 3 | II. *Sylvester*, b. Feb. 13, 1808; d. May 4, 1823.
- 4 | III. *Cyrus*, b. Feb. 7, 1811; m., Dec., 1841, Eliza A. M., dau. of Capt. Henry Bancroft, a retired sea-captain of Springfield, Mass. (See Chap. XIII.)

- 5 iv. *Enoch*, b. Dec. 1, 1813; m., May, 1836, Ann Howe of Boston. She d. the following Sept., and he m. (2d), Feb., 1838, Caroline H. Kingsbury. He resides in Cambridge, Mass., and is a real-estate broker in Boston.
- 6 v. *Elias*, b. Sept. 17, 1817; d. Sept. 2, 1819.
- 7 vi. *Hannah*, b. Aug. 29, 1820; m., May 27, 1845, Joel C. Greenwood of Gardner, Mass., who d. Dec., 1853; and she m. (2d), March 13, 1856, Edwin Sawyer; resides in Wakefield, Mass.
- 8 vii. *Maria*, b. June 5, 1827; m., Apr., 1851, S. D. Osborne; resides in Keene.

Mrs. Hannah Wakefield d. Nov. 13, 1829; and he m. (2d) Nancy Parker of Phillipston, Mass., who d. Nov. 13, 1848; and he m. (3d), 1849, Mrs. Rebecca Lord. He d. May 21, 1864. By second wife, he had,—

- 9 viii. *Juliette N.*, b. March, 1831; m., Oct., 1851, Obed G. Dort of Keene. She was drowned in the Potomac River, Aug. 13, 1862, on her return from a visit to her husband, who was Major of the 6th N.H. Regt., being one of the passengers on the ill-fated steamer "West Point," which came in collision with the "George Peabody," causing it to sink with most of the passengers.

- 1 FREDERICK WALLACE, son of David and Susannah (Conn) Wallace, b. in Ashburnham, Mass., June 19, 1816; m., May 15, 1839, Fannie, dau. of Archie and Susannah (Jones) Tenney. He resided in Ashburnham for several years after his marriage, and about 1849 he came to Marl., and located on the farm now occupied by his son, Wilber F. Wallace.
- 2 I. *Abby F.*, b. in Ashburnham, June 17, 1840; m. Hosea Knight, *q.v.*; resides in Winchendon.
- 3 II. *Wilber F.*, b. in Marl., Nov. 29, 1850; m., Jan. 24, 1874, Ella D., dau. of Darius and Ruth T. (Woodward) Richardson; c.

WALLINGFORD.

NICHOLAS WALLINGFORD emigrated from England previous to 1672, and settled in Bradford, Mass. He brought with him two sons, John and Samuel. Subsequently, he had six children, b. in Bradford. John, the eldest son, m. Mary —, and settled in Bradford. Nicholas, son of John and Mary, b. in Bradford, Oct. 28, 1691, m. Sarah —, settled in Bradford, and had Jonathan, b. May 8, 1715, who m. Martha —, and had David, b. in Bradford, Sept. 25, 1744. He m. Elizabeth Leman. Their son, Ebenezer B., settled in Marl., as will be seen in the following record.

Hon. Thomas Wallingford was also a son of the above-named John.

He was b. in Bradford, Mass., July 28, 1697. He went to Dover when a young man, and was for many years a member of the State legislature. He engaged in mercantile business, was very successful, and became one of the richest men in New Hampshire. He possessed a large estate in Portsmouth, and was one of the original purchasers of "Mason's Patent," by which he acquired a great landed estate. As a military man, he rose to the rank of Colonel, and distinguished himself as a brave and gallant officer.

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| 1 | EBENEZER B. WALLINGFORD, son of David and Elizabeth (Leman) Wallingford, b. in Hollis, Oct. 5, 1780; m., Oct. 20, 1803, Mary Hildreth, b. in Newbury, July 6, 1784. He was a blacksmith, and resided in Dublin until 1812, when he came to Marl., and located first on the Walter Capron place, in what is now Roxbury. After a few years' residence there, he removed to the village, and plied his trade in the old shop that formerly stood on "Library Square." He d. in Claremont, Feb. 18, 1855. His widow d. Apr. 21, 1868. |
| 2 | I. <i>Elvira</i> , b. in Dublin, Aug. 24, 1804; m. (1st) Calvin Stone, <i>q.v.</i> ; (2d) Aaron Brigham. |
| 3 | II. <i>Mary</i> , b. in Dublin, Aug. 10, 1806; m., May 16, 1830, Charles Parker of Framingham, Mass. She d. in Boston, March 1, 1870. |
| 4 | III. <i>George</i> , b. in Dublin, July 17, 1808; m., June 13, 1838, Helen P. Hitchcock of Claremont; d. July 18, 1863. |
| 5 | IV. <i>Sarah M.</i> , b. in Dublin, May 27, 1810; m., Feb. 17, 1833, Frederick Handerson of Claremont. |
| 6 | V. <i>Philander</i> , b. in Marl., June 6, 1812; m., Jan. 1, 1838, Caroline M. Treadwell of Newmarket. He is a Methodist minister, and resides in Claremont. (See Chap. XIII.) |
| 7 | VI. <i>Elizabeth L.</i> , b. in Roxbury, Sept. 8, 1814; d. in Claremont, May 5, 1836. |
| 8 | VII. <i>Fannie</i> , b. in Roxbury, Sept. 23, 1816; m., Sept. 8, 1839, Alanson Way of Claremont; d. Aug. 14, 1848. |
| 9 | VIII. <i>Catharine</i> , b. in Marl., Feb. 1, 1819; m., Jan. 3, 1841, John F. Mellen of Claremont. |

WARD.

WILLIAM WARD, who is supposed to have come from Yorkshire, England, was in Sudbury, Mass., in 1639, and was made freeman 1643, represented Sudbury in the General Court 1644, and was several years chairman of selectmen. He removed to Marl., Mass., 1660, where he was soon after chosen deacon of the Church. He, in common with others, endured great hardships and sustained great losses by Indian hostilities in the time of King Philip's War in 1675-76, when his buildings were burned, his cattle destroyed, and one of his sons slain by the enemy. He d. Aug. 10, 1687; and his widow, Elizabeth, d. Dec. 9, 1700. He had fourteen

children, among whom was Samuel, b. Sept. 24, 1641, m., June 6, 1667, Sarah, dau. of John and Mary Hone, b. Sept. 25, 1644; d. Aug. 11, 1707. He d. 1727, leaving a widow, Elizabeth. His eldest son, Joseph, b. 1670, m., June 5, 1700, Abiah Wheelock. He d. June 30, 1717, leaving seven children. His son Phinehas, b. Aug. 5, 1705, m. Mary —. He d. Oct. 19, 1756.

- 1 REUBEN WARD, son of Phinehas and Mary Ward, b. in Marl., Mass., Dec. 28, 1746; m., June 13, 1771, Sarah Kendall. He came to this town in 1774, and settled on the farm since known as the Hamleton Parker place, now within the limits of Troy. It is said that both he and his wife inherited a large amount of property from their ancestors, so that, unlike many of the early settlers, he had ample means for paying for and improving his farm, which was the best in that part of the town. His whole attention was given to the management of his farm, and everything about him was conducted with a strict regard to economy. His plans were laid after mature deliberation, and he was usually successful in carrying them out; and, at the time of his death, which occurred Jan. 8, 1800, he was considered the most wealthy man in Marl.
- 2 I. *Sally*, b. Jan. 30, 1772; m. John Joy; removed to Glover, Vt.
- 3 II. *Abigail*, b. Nov. 9, 1773; m. Simon Piper, *q.v.*; removed to Maine.
- 4 III. *Reuben*, b. Dec. 9, 1775.+
- 5 IV. *Elizabeth*, b. July 10, 1777; m. Jonas Robinson, *q.v.*
- 6 V. *John*, b. May 25, 1779; d. in Trøy, of hydrophobia, um.
- 7 VI. *Daniel*, b. June 21, 1781.+
- 8 VII. *Lucy*, b. Apr. 12, 1784; m., March, 1805, Timothy Thompson of Swanzey.
- 9 VIII. *Levi*, b. Jan. 7, 1788; m., Sept. 20, 1809, Nancy Whitney of Winchendon; removed to Covington, N.Y.
- 10 IX. *Patty*, b. Apr. 17, 1790, was scalded to death by boiled cider, Nov. 4, 1795. In order to perpetuate the memory of this event, the following verse was placed upon her gravestone, which stands in the old centre burying-ground:—

“By boiling cyder she was slain,
 Whilst less than six of age,
 Then her exquisite, racking pain
 Removed her from the stage.
 But her immortal spirit went
 To the Almighty King,
 Where all the godly ones are sent,
 The praise of God to sing.”

- 11 | x. *Nancy*, b. Nov. 25, 1793; m. Amos Fife of Boston.
- 12 | xi. *Calvin*, b. May 4, 1798; m. Thankful Smith; removed to Leroy, N.Y.
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- (4) | REUBEN WARD, son of Reuben, m., June 3, 1804, Rebecca, dau. of Samuel Coolidge. He d. June 2, 1808; and his widow m. (2d) Capt. John Stone, *q.v.*
- 13 | i. *Elizabeth*, b. June 23, 1805; d. Apr. 23, 1813.
- 14 | ii. *Mary*, b. Feb. 8, 1807; m. Aaron Stone, *q.v.*
- 15 | iii. *Reuben*, b. Dec. 3, 1808.+
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- (7) | DANIEL WARD, son of Reuben, m., Dec. 13, 1802, Lois Whitney of Winchendon; resided in Marl. until 1808, when he removed to Greene, Chenango Co., N.Y., and thence to Leroy, Genesee Co., N.Y.
- 16 | i. *Daniel*, b. Sept. 10, 1805; m., Dec. 6, 1827, Sarah M. Webb of Leroy, N.Y.
- 17 | ii. *Josiah Wilder*, b. May 18, 1807; d. June 18, 1831.
- 18 | iii. *Caroline*, b. Nov. 5, 1809; d. Aug. 26, 1812.
- 19 | iv. *Calvin Thompson*, b. Nov. 24, 1812; m., June 9, 1833, Eunice B. Carpenter of Plymouth, Vt.
- 20 | v. *Emery Whitney*, b. Oct. 4, 1815; d. Apr. 6, 1833.
- 21 | vi. *Charles Kendall*, b. July 7, 1819; m., May 31, 1841, Laura C. Davenport of Elkland, Pa.
- 22 | vii. *Adaline Nancy*, b. Dec. 11, 1822; m., March 6, 1844, Leonard H. Newton of Leroy, N.Y.
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- (15) | REUBEN WARD, son of Reuben, Jr., m., May 17, 1840, Maria L., dau. of Moses and Lucy (Stone) Hunt.
- 23 | i. *Frederick Elbridge*, b. Apr. 10, 1841; m., Jan. 1, 1864, Dorothy, dau. of Nathan and Abigail (Bucklin) Winch. He d. March 7, 1864.
- 24 | ii. *Henry Hubbard*, b. Sept. 4, 1842; m., May 1, 1871, Mattie A. Collins of Winchester, Mass.
- 25 | 1. *Freddie O.*, b. in Boston, Dec. 31, 1873; d. Aug. 15, 1874.
- 26 | 2. *George Henry*, b. in Marl., Feb. 23, 1876.
- 27 | iii. *Orville Allen*, b. March 8, 1845; m., Oct. 31, 1871, Mary Jane Fogg; resides in Boston.
- 28 | 1. *Fred Orville*, b. Oct. 15, 1874.
- 29 | iv. *Addie M.*, b. July 9, 1847; resides in Boston, um.
- 30 | v. *Frank P.*, b. Aug. 27, 1848; d. Dec. 11, 1877, um.
- 31 | vi. *Louisa A.*, b. Sept. 15, 1851; d. Nov. 9, 1851.
- 32 | vii. *Erwin E.*, b. Oct. 8, 1852; m., Apr. 26, 1876,

	Emma F., dau. of George W. and Sylvina P. (Esty) White.
33	1. Frank Erwin, b. June 9, 1878.
34	VIII. <i>Charlie C.</i> , b. Apr. 1, 1855; resides in Boston; um.
35	IX. <i>Lillia M.</i> , b. Oct. 15, 1858; um.
86	X. <i>Nellie J.</i> , b. June 15, 1863; d. Sept. 22, 1863.
1	REV. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS WARE, son of Capt. Benjamin and Martha (Chapin) Ware, b. in Gilsum, Dec. 17, 1822; m., Nov. 11, 1851, Emily, dau. of Oliver and Patty Heald, b. in Nelson, Dec. 18, 1823. Came to Marl. to reside in 1851; was pastor of the Baptist Church two years. (See sketch of Baptist Church.) He d. in Surry, Aug. 29, 1865.
2	I. <i>Edwin Chapin</i> , b. in Marl., Oct. 8, 1852.
8	II. <i>Martha Jane</i> , b. in Sanbornton, Dec. 25, 1853; m., Sept. 13, 1874, Willis K. Emerson.
4	III. <i>Laura Maria</i> , b. in Sanbornton, July 19, 1855.
5	IV. <i>Walter Henry</i> , b. in Addison, Vt., Apr. 25, 1859.
6	V. <i>Mary Frances</i> , b. in Whiting, Vt., May 30, 1860; d. March 6, 1862.
7	VI. <i>Mary Emily</i> , b. in Milford, March 6, 1866.
1	WARREN WARNER and Cleopatra Brigham of Chesterfield, published together for marriage Oct. 25, 1792. They resided for some time in Marl., but no record of their family has been found.
1	EBENEZER WARREN and Hepzibah, his wife, had the following children b. in Marl.
2	I. <i>Samuel</i> , b. Sept. 3, 1804.
3	II. <i>Mary Ann</i> , b. Jan. 21, 1806.
4	III. <i>Oliver</i> , b. July 27, 1809.
1	BENEDIC WEBBER was in town and worked on the roads in 1769. For the next ten years, he is occasionally mentioned on the records, but nothing is known of his family.

WELLINGTON.

ROGER WELLINGTON, b. in England about 1609-10, was an early settler of Watertown, Mass. He m. Mary, eldest dau. of Dr. Richard and Annie Palgrave of Charlestown, Mass., and d. March 11, 1697-98. Joseph, son of Roger, b. in Watertown, Oct. 9, 1643, m. Sarah —, who d. Feb. 5, 1683-84; and he m. (2d), June 6, 1684, Elizabeth, dau. of Capt. Thomas and Elizabeth (Kimball) Straight of Watertown. He d. Oct. 30, 1714. By his second wife, he had four children. Of these, Thomas was b. in Watertown, Nov. 10, 1686, m. Rebecca, dau. of Samuel and

Isabelle (Park) Whittemore, who d. Nov. 6, 1734, and he again married. He d. 1759. His son Joseph, b. in Watertown, Nov. 21, 1711, m., Nov. 13, 1733, Dorcas, dau. of Jonathan and Chary (Adams) Stone, and settled in Lexington.

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| 1 | JOSEPH WELLINGTON, eldest son of Joseph and Dorcas (Stone) Wellington, b. in Lexington, Nov. 13, 1734; m. (1st), Apr. 1, 1760, Martha, dau. of Capt. Daniel and Elizabeth (Minot) Adams of Lincoln; settled first in Waltham, where all his children were born. He came to Marl. some time previous to 1800, and settled on the place since owned by Reuben Morse. After a residence here of several years, he probably returned to Waltham. |
| 2 | I. <i>Martha</i> , b. Jan. 3, 1761; m., May 7, 1782, Joel Dix. |
| 3 | II. <i>Joseph Adams</i> , b. Feb. 20, 1763; d. June 27, 1764. |
| | Mrs. Wellington d. Dec. 9, 1763; and he m. (2d), Sept. 10, 1766, Anna Dix, who d. Feb. 21, 1803, æ. 58. |
| 4 | III. <i>Susanna</i> , b. May 4, 1764. |
| 5 | IV. <i>Anna</i> , b. July 27, 1768; d. Sept. 2, 1775. |
| 6 | V. <i>Joseph</i> , b. July 7, 1770. |
| 7 | VI. <i>Dorcas</i> , b. Aug. 8, 1771; published to Daniel Viley, March 30, 1794. |
| 8 | VII. <i>Rebecca</i> , b. June 21, 1773; m., Feb. 9, 1800, Joseph Carter. |
| 9 | VIII. <i>Daniel</i> , b. Sept. 25, 1774. |
| 10 | IX. <i>Anna</i> , b. June 16, 1776. |
| 11 | X. <i>Elizabeth</i> , b. July 21, 1777. |
| 12 | XI. <i>Isaac</i> , b. Feb. 11, 1779; m., Aug. 21, 1802, Martha Harvey; settled in Troy, N.Y. |
| 13 | XII. <i>Josiah</i> , b. June 4, 1780; settled in Troy, N.Y. |
| 14 | XIII. <i>Caty</i> , bap. Sept. 16, 1781. |

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| 1 | DANIEL WETHERBEE, b. in Swanzey, Jan. 11, 1809; m., 1837, Harriet Chaplin of Bolton, Mass. He came to Marl. soon after his marriage, and purchased a part of the Jonas Woodward farm, where he erected buildings and has continued to reside to the present time. |
| 2 | I. <i>Francis M.</i> , b. June 13, 1837; m. Lillia Houston; resides in Langdon. |
| 3 | II. <i>Harriet Maria</i> , b. Sept. 2, 1839; d. July 29, 1854.
Mrs. Wetherbee d. June 23, 1841; and he m. (2d) Mary Corey of Richmond. |
| 4 | III. <i>Mary L.</i> , b. July 21, 1845; m. Jonas Foster; d. Nov. 18, 1868. |
| 5 | IV. <i>Daniel Warren</i> , b. Nov., 1847; d. Feb. 3, 1848. |
| 6 | V. <i>Charlie D.</i> , b. Nov. 6, 1852; um. |

WHEELER.

THOMAS WHEELER was in Concord, Mass., in 1640, and in 1675 accompanied Capt. Hutchinson, himself then a captain, with about twenty men, to Quaboag, now Brookfield, Mass., to treat with the Indians. They were drawn into an ambush by the perfidious savages, and eight of their number killed. Capt. Hutchinson was mortally wounded, and died soon after. Capt. Wheeler was severely wounded, had his horse shot under him, and, when near being despatched by the enemy, was rescued by his son Thomas, he also being wounded, who placed his father upon a horse whose rider was slain, and both succeeded by flight in saving their lives. Capt. Wheeler d. the following year. His son Thomas, whose wife was Hannah —, had John, b. in Concord, 1661, but soon after settled in Marl., Mass. John m., June 25, 1684, Elizabeth Wells. He d. 1721. Their son Joseph, b. Apr. 19, 1700, m., Jan. 16, 1718, Elizabeth Holloway, who d.; and he m. (2d), March 17, 1730, Deborah Whitney. He d. Apr. 23, 1772.

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| 1 | DAVID WHEELER, son of Joseph and Deborah (Whitney) Wheeler, b. in Marl., Mass., Dec. 8, 1744; m., about 1775, Rebecca Hoar. Previous to his marriage, he came to Marl., probably in 1770, and purchased a lot of land, and was the first settler on the farm since owned by Daniel Buttrick, now within the limits of Troy. The low ground in the vicinity of the present house was at that time covered with a heavy growth of ash-trees, from which young Wheeler split out the timber with which he built quite a substantial house, a little south of the present barn. From what we can learn of Mr. Wheeler, we judge he was an honest, hard-working man, a good farmer, and that he was highly esteemed is fully attested by the numerous offices which he held within the gift of his fellow-citizens. |
| 2 | i. <i>David</i> , b. June 17, 1776; was a physician; settled in New Jersey. |
| 3 | ii. <i>Phebe</i> , b. Nov. 6, 1777; m., Oct. 2, 1798, Abel Brigham of Jaffrey; settled in New York. |
| 4 | iii. <i>Dolly</i> , b. Sept. 2, 1779; m. John Cheever, <i>q.v.</i> |
| 5 | iv. <i>Josiah</i> , b. Feb. 5, 1781; m. Nancy Haskell; d. on home farm. |
| 6 | v. <i>Rebecca</i> , b. Apr. 18, 1782; m. Solomon Rice of Fitzwilliam. |
| 7 | vi. <i>Eunice</i> , b. June 19, 1783; m. Jeremiah Frost, <i>q.v.</i> |
| 8 | vii. <i>Sally</i> , b. Feb. 26, 1785; m. Jonathan Frost (2d), <i>q.v.</i> |
| 9 | viii. <i>Lucy</i> , b. May 7, 1787; m. Joseph Frost, <i>q.v.</i> |
| 10 | ix. <i>Joseph</i> , b. Dec. 7, 1788; m. — Wilder; removed to Utica, N.Y. |
| 11 | x. <i>Jonathan</i> , b. Apr. 28, 1791; removed to Newton, Mass. |
| 12 | xi. <i>Charlotte</i> , b. Nov. 18, 1792; m. Rufus Smith. |
| 13 | xii. <i>Billy</i> , b. May 24, 1794; d. Nov. 30, 1812. |

- 14 XIII. *John*, b. Apr. 30, 1796; d. May 8, 1796.
 15 XIV. *Curtis*, b. July 17, 1797.
 16 XV. *Roxanna*, b. Aug. 24, 1799; m. Jeremiah Wilkins.
 Mrs. Wheeler d. Sept. 11, 1803; and he m. (2d), Nov. 14, 1804, Mrs. Martha Perry, widow of Dr. Justus Perry. Mr. Wheeler d. Oct. 6, 1813. His widow d. May 19, 1825.
- 17 XVI. *Benjamin Franklin*, b. Sept. 9, 1805; m. Mary Evens; d. in Keene, Sept., 1872.
 18 XVII. *Sumner*, b. March 8, 1807; m., May 15, 1832, Catharine Vose of Boston. (See Chap. XIII.)
 19 XVIII. *Quincy*, b. March 17, 1809; d. in Keene, Jan. 13, 1839.
 20 XIX. *Virgel*, bap. June 23, 1811; d. Oct. 10, 1813.

21 NATHAN WHEELER, not connected with the above family, was a native of Holden, Mass. In 1798, he came to Marl., and, after residing here a few years, removed to Fitchburg, and thence to Saco, Me., where he had the misfortune to bury his wife, after which he resided in Fitzwilliam and Keene, where he d. 1836.

- 22 i. *Polly*, m. Reuben Newell.
 23 ii. *Adelia*, m. Nathan Newell.
 24 iii. *Jonathan*, m. Lucy Whipple; settled in Fitchburg.
 25 iv. *Eliza*, m. (1st) Elnathan Gorham. He d. 1821, and she m. (2d) Moses Hayden, who d. in 1851; and she m. (3d) John Lawrence.
 26 v. *Clarissa*, d. æ. 36.
 27 vi. *Nathan*.

28 SILAS WHEELER, perhaps a brother of Nathan, came from Holden, Mass., to Fitzwilliam, about the year 1800. In 1806, he came to Marl., where he resided until 1832, when he removed to Swanzey. He m., Aug. 12, 1789, Persis, dau. of James Brewer.

- 29 i. *Silas*, b. Apr. 17, 1790; d. young.
 30 ii. *Persis*, b. Sept. 30, 1791.
 31 iii. *James*, b. July 26, 1794.
 32 iv. *Silas*, b. Dec. 25, 1796.
 33 v. *Vashti*, b. March 29, 1802.
 34 vi. *Asa*, b. June 12, 1805.
 35 vii. *Aaron*, b. Apr. 3, 1807.
 36 viii. *Simon*, b. March 16, 1810.

1 JONATHAN WHIPPLE, a carpenter by trade, was in town previous to 1777. He is said to have been a very

erect, portly man, prompt in business, and a highly esteemed citizen. In 1804, he removed to Concord, Vt. He d. March, 1839, æ. 87. His wife d. Jan., 1830.

- 2 I. *Edwards*, b. Nov. 6, 1777; was a carpenter by trade.
 8 II. *Edmund Rice*, b. March 19, 1779.
 4 III. *Hannah*, b. Apr. 22, 1780; m., July 17, 1803, Josiah Rogers.
 5 IV. *Joel Green*, b. Dec. 2, 1781; removed to Vermont.
 6 V. *Sarah*, b. July 27, 1783; m. — Walker.
 7 VI. *Rizpah*, b. March 13, 1785.
 8 VII. *Lucy*, b. May 15, 1787.
 9 VIII. *Jonathan*, b. July 23, 1789.

1 ZOPHER WHITCOMB was b. in Framingham, Mass., in 1781. When but a youth, he came to Marl., and resided in the family of Joseph Cutting. He m., May 7, 1797, Mehitable, dau. of William and Mehitable (Jones) Tenney, who d. 1832. He d. 1847.

- 2 I. *Asa*, removed to Vermont.
 3 II. *Abigail*, d. æ. 30.
 4 III. *William*, m., July 18, 1821, Clarissa, dau. of Edmund Bemis.
 5 IV. *Eliza*, m. Nathaniel Parker of Troy; d. 1849.
 6 V. *Luke*, d. 1838.
 7 VI. *Nancy*, m. Nathaniel Parker of Troy.

8 LEVI WHITCOMB, b. in Templeton, Mass., April 24, 1763; m., Feb. 13, 1787, Hannah Baker, b. Jan. 21, 1764. He was a blacksmith by trade, and settled in Nelson soon after his marriage, where he remained until 1801, when he removed to Marl., and resided one year in that part of the town now Troy. He then purchased the farm now owned by Daniel Wright, where he d. Sept. 23, 1827. His wife d. Feb. 16, 1825. Children, all but the youngest, b. in Nelson.

- 9 I. *Nancy*, b. Dec. 2, 1787; m. Capt. William Farrar, *q.v.*
 10 II. *Simeon*, b. May 28, 1790. +
 11 III. *Asenath*, b. Jan. 5, 1794; d. Apr. 19, 1869; um.
 12 IV. *Polly*, b. Apr. 2, 1796; d. Feb. 13, 1854; um.
 13 V. *Dexter*, b. June 27, 1798. +
 14 VI. *Adaline*, b. Sept. 20, 1800; um.
 15 VII. *Gilman*, b. in Marl., May 19, 1805; um.

(10) DEA. SIMEON WHITCOMB, son of Levi, m., Nov. 11, 1813, Sally, dau. of William and Jael (Cushing) Lincoln.

He resided for many years on a farm near the pine woods, so called; afterwards removed to the place now occupied by his dau., Mrs. Eastman, where he d. Jan. 1, 1869. His wife d. Apr. 8, 1876. Mr. Whitcomb was for forty-six years a member and for thirty-eight years an officer in the Congregational Church in Marl. He had sterling qualities as a man and a Christian, was social, had much firmness, and sound judgment. He loved his Church and was identified with it in its many struggles and trials, being an efficient helper at all times.

- 16 i. *William L.*, b. Aug. 1, 1814; d. Sept. 24, 1815.
- 17 ii. *Sally L.*, b. Apr. 9, 1816; d. Aug. 12, 1818.
- 18 iii. *Jael Cushing*, b. Apr. 6, 1818; m., Feb. 5, 1857, Harvey Wyman of Winchendon. She now resides, a widow, in Winchendon.
- 19 iv. *William C.*, b. Feb. 20, 1820.†
- 20 v. *Sarah L.*, b. Feb. 14, 1822; m., May 18, 1842, George W. Fairbanks of Hopkinton, Mass.
- 21 vi. *Albert Simeon*, b. March 8, 1824.†
- 22 vii. *Hannah Baker*, b. June 22, 1827; m., June 20, 1855, John B. Eastman of Malden, Mass. She now resides in Marl.
- 23 viii. *Henry L.*, b. July 13, 1831; d. March 6, 1838.
- 24 ix. *Harlan Page*, b. July 5, 1837; d. Oct. 30, 1838.

(19) REV. WILLIAM C. WHITCOMB, son of Dea. Simon, m., May 1, 1851, Harriet Wheeler of Concord, Mass. He d. Oct. 29, 1864 (see Chap. XIII.). The family now resides in Concord, Mass.

- 25 i. *Eva Myrtella*, b. in Stoneham, Mass., Jan. 6, 1853.
- 26 ii. *Mary Harriet*, b. Aug. 22, 1854; d. Sept. 28, 1855.
- 27 iii. Twins. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{Maria Sarah}, \text{ b. Aug. 22, 1854; d. Oct.} \\ \text{27, 1855.} \end{array} \right.$
- 28 iv. *Lizzie Philenie*, b. in Southbridge, Mass., July 12, 1856.
- 29 v. *Albert William Henry*, b. in Marl., March 8, 1858.
- 30 vi. *Mira Florence*, b. in Lynnfield Centre, Mass., Apr. 19, 1860; d. May 11, 1860.
- 31 vii. *Nellie Lincoln*, b. in Lynnfield Centre, Mass., June 5, 1861.
- 32 viii. *John Chalmers*, b. in Marl., March 15, 1865.

(21) ALBERT S. WHITCOMB, son of Dea. Simeon, m. (1st), May 25, 1846, Elvira, dau. of Dea. James and Roxanna (Frost) Farrar. She d. Dec. 16, 1847; and he m. (2d), Jan. 2, 1849, Martha A. Willis, b. in Alstead, Jan. 12, 1830. Resides in Keene.

- 33 i. *Mary L.*, b. March 27, 1851; m. Waldo L. Lowe; resides in Fitchburg.
- 34 ii. *Ella Martha*, b. June 16, 1853; m. Henry E. Huntley; resides in Fitchburg.
- 35 iii. *Hattie Elvira*, b. May 16, 1856; d. Sept., 1857.
- 36 iv. *Anna Alberta*, b. Aug. 17, 1861.
- 37 v. *Sarah Lizzie*, b. Nov. 15, 1863; d. Oct., 1864.
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- (13) DEXTER WHITCOMB, son of Levi, m., Aug. 11, 1825, Rebecca Griffin of Nelson, b. Dec. 13, 1801. He resided in Marl. until 1830, when he removed to Nelson. He d. in Keene, June 1, 1867. His widow d. 1879. Children, first three b. in Marl., the others in Nelson.
- 38 i. *Levi S.*, b. July 24, 1826; d. Feb. 22, 1832.
- 39 ii. *Sophia F.*, b. Feb. 16, 1828; m. Ezekiel Pike of Petersham, Mass.; resides in Boston.
- 40 iii. *William F.*, b. June 4, 1830; m. Lizzie Gay of Ashburnham, Mass.; resides in Keene; is a painter, grainer, and paper-hanger.
- 41 iv. *Lucy C.*, b. Dec. 29, 1831; m. Sewell F. Hayes, *q.v.*
- 42 v. *Levi S.*, b. Jan. 13, 1833; m. Mary A. Miller of Royalston; resides in Leominster, Mass.
- 43 vi. *Henry L.*, b. Dec. 8, 1835; m. Carrie A. Whitney of Concord, Mass., where he now resides; is a merchant, and has been postmaster of that town.
- 44 vii. *Edward P.*, b. Oct. 22, 1838; m. Anna Parker of South Manchester, Conn.; is a merchant-tailor in Boston.
- 45 viii. *Harlan P.*, b. Sept. 28, 1840; resides in Boston; is a merchant-tailor.
- 46 ix. *Nathaniel O.*, b. Dec. 3, 1841; is a merchant-tailor in Boston.
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- 47 SILAS WHITCOMB, b. in Swanzey, 1797; m., Dec. 18, 1823, Louisa Lincoln, of Leominster, Mass., who d. July 29, 1877. He d. Aug. 24, 1877.
- 48 i. *Louisa Jane*, m. William A. Woodward, *q.v.* He d. March 21, 1856; and she m. (2d) Warren Farrar, *q.v.*
- 49 ii. *Rosalina*, m. Philander Thatcher, *q.v.*
- 50 iii. *Silas L.*, b. Aug. 6, 1828.†
- 51 iv. *Susan S.*, m., Jan. 16, 1855, Levi H. Whitney of Royalston, Mass., where they now reside.
- 52 v. *Charles W.*, m. Mary Ann Simonds; resides in Ashby.

- 54 VI. *Maria D.*, m. Daniel W. Clark of Troy; resides
in Swanzey.
- 55 VII. *Abigail Ann*, d. July 13, 1835.
- VIII. *Thomas W.*, m. Sarah Whitney of Ashby, where
he now resides.
- 56 IX. *James Batcheller*, d. Feb. 8, 1843.
- 57 X. *James B.*, d. in infancy.
- 58 XI. *Henry W.*, m. Ann Maria, dau. of Lorenzo and
Cynthia Ann (Woodward) Hunt.
- 59 1. Bertie E., b. March 18, 1868; d. May 4,
1878.
- 60 XII. *Lydia Ann*, m. Edward E. Cutter.
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- (50) SILAS L. WHITCOMB, son of Silas, m., March 20, 1851,
Clara S. Woodcock, b. in Swanzey, Jan. 4, 1833. Set-
tled first in Swanzey, where he remained until the spring
of 1860, when he came to Marl. After a residence here
of seven or eight years, he returned to Swanzey, where
he d. Feb. 11, 1877. The family now reside at West
Swanzey.
- 61 I. *Virgil Vernell*, b. in East Swanzey, Feb. 23, 1853;
drowned July 15, 1854.
- 62 II. *Carrie L.*, b. in Swanzey, Jan. 9, 1860.
- 63 III. *Emma I.*, b. in Marl., Dec. 8, 1865.

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WILLIAM WHITE came over in the "Mayflower." His name was the sixth in order subscribed to the celebrated compact made on board that vessel Nov. 11, 1620. He d. March 3, 1621; but his age is not mentioned. His widow, Susanna, m. Gov. Edward Winslow, May 12, 1621. This was the first marriage in New England.

Peregrine White, son of William and Susanna, received his name from the circumstance of his birth on board the "Mayflower," in Cape Cod Harbor, the latter part of Nov., 1620, the first one born of English parents in New England. About the year 1636, he removed with the family of Gov. Edward Winslow to Marshfield. His wife was Sarah, the dau. of William Bassett of Duxbury. His children were Daniel, Sylvanus, who d. in 1688, Jonathan, Peregrine, Sarah, and Mary. He d. July 20, 1704, and his wife d. in 1711.

The "Boston News-Letter" of July 31, 1704, the fifteenth number of the first newspaper printed in New England, contains the following intelligence: "Marshfield, July 22, Capt. Peregrine White of this town, æ. 83 years and 8 months, died here the 20th inst. He was vigorous and of a comely aspect to the last." In Oct., 1665, the court granted him two hundred acres of land, in compliance with the request of the king's commissioners, desiring "that the court would accommodate him with a portion of land in respect that he was the first of the English that was born in these parts." He was admitted a member of the Rev. Mr. Thompson's church in 1698, in his 78th year, on which occasion a sermon was delivered from the text, Matt. xx., 6, 7: "And about the eleventh

hour, he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive."

Daniel White, the son of Peregrine, m., 1674, Hannah Hunt of Duxbury. They had seven sons. Thomas, the third son, b. in 1680, m. Rachel —, settled in Scituate, and afterwards in Bolton. He d. in 1770, leaving a widow and five children,— William, James, Samuel, Thomas, who m. Molly French of Hollis, and settled in Dublin in 1774, and Rachel, who m. a Williams, settled first in Dublin and afterwards in Cornish.

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| 1 | WILLIAM WHITE, son of Thomas and Rachel White, b. in Scituate, Mass., 1736, m. Lydia Goodale, and after the death of his father purchased the homestead at Bolton, agreeing to support his mother. He soon sold his farm, and moved to Templeton. In 1778, he came to Marl., having purchased a tract of wild land which comprised the farm now owned by his grandson Thomas, where he d. Jan. 8, 1820. His widow d. July 10, 1820. |
| 2 | i. <i>Bulah</i> , b. 1757; m. — Fisk, and moved to Rupert, Vt., where she d. at the ripe age of 102 years. |
| 3 | ii. <i>David</i> .+ |
| 4 | iii. <i>Molly</i> , m. Benjamin Phelps. |
| 5 | iv. <i>Lydia</i> , b. 1767; m., May 7, 1802, Josiah Atwood of Nelson. She d. Oct., 1851. |
| 6 | v. <i>William</i> , b. March 27, 1772.+ |
| 7 | vi. <i>Amy</i> , b. Oct. 14, 1775; m., 1797, John Mudge. She d. Sept. 30, 1855. |
| 8 | vii. <i>Rachel</i> , m. Hosea Dunbar. |
| 9 | viii. <i>John</i> , b. March 22, 1781; m. Polly Carlisle. |
| 10 | ix. <i>Thomas</i> , b. Jan. 20, 1784.+ |
| 11 | x. <i>Ruth</i> , b. Oct. 7, 1786; m. Daniel Emerson, Jr., <i>q.v.</i> |
| (3) | DAVID WHITE, son of William, m., Sept. 29, 1801, Thankful Maynard. |
| 12 | i. <i>Lydia</i> , b. Nov. 18, 1801. |
| 13 | ii. <i>David</i> , b. March 23, 1803.
Mrs. White d.; and he m. (2d) Eunice Shannon, who d. Dec. 4, 1860. He d. Feb., 1848. |
| 14 | iii. <i>Zopher</i> , b. Nov. 11, 1807.+ |
| 15 | iv. <i>Gardner</i> , b. May 22, 1808; um. |
| 16 | v. <i>Emily</i> , b. Sept. 18, 1811; m., Oct. 6, 1830, Joseph Sandal; resides in Keene. |
| 17 | vi. <i>Jehiel</i> , b. Oct. 22, 1813.+ |
| 18 | vii. <i>Irene W.</i> , b. Jan. 14, 1816; m., Nov. 2, 1837, Barney Griffeth; resides in Keene. |

- (6) WILLIAM WHITE, son of William, m., March 13, 1795, Esther Maynard, b. Jan. 29, 1770. He resided for many years on the place now owned by W. W. and J. M. Richardson, and the place adjoining, now owned by his daughter Naomi White. He d. Feb. 27, 1860. His widow d. July 8, 1861.
- 19 I. *Esther*, b. Nov. 14, 1796; m., June, 1836, Cyrus Thatcher; d. Feb. 3, 1873.
- 20 II. *Noah*, b. June 11, 1800.+
- 21 III. *Naomi*, b. May 29, 1802; um.
- 22 IV. *Hannah*, b. Apr. 30, 1804; m. Levi Thatcher, *q.v.*
- 23 V. *Levi*, b. Feb. 23, 1806; d. March 5, 1806.
- 24 VI. *Delina*, b. July 5, 1807; m. Elias A. Thatcher, *q.v.*
- 25 VII. *Isaiah*, b. July 13, 1809.+
- 26 VIII. *William Ransom*, b. Nov. 12, 1813.+
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- (10) THOMAS WHITE, son of William, m., Oct. 11, 1807, Rebecca D., dan. of Asa and Mehitabel (Upham) Metcalf; settled on the home farm, where he d. Oct. 16, 1865. His wife d. Apr. 12, 1865.
- 27 I. *Lorenzo D.*, b. Sept. 23, 1808.+
- 28 II. *Sophia*, b. Sept. 11, 1811; m. (1st) Luther Converse, *q.v.*; and (2d) Samuel Blodgett. She d. Feb. 6, 1873.
- 29 III. *Thomas*, b. Jan. 2, 1818.+
- 30 IV. *Rebecca*, b. March 5, 1823; m. (1st) Edmund Needham; (2d) Luke Blodgett.
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- (14) ZOPHER WHITE, son of David, m., July 7, 1839, Adaline Williams of Mt. Holly, Vt., b. March 12, 1819. He d. in Marl., Feb. 29, 1880.
- 31 I. *Mary J.*, b. May 12, 1840; m., 1857, Luther H. Starkey; resides at South Keene.
- 32 II. *Justina E.*, b. Nov. 11, 1845; m., March 13, 1864, Henry J. Jaquith, of Mt. Holly, Vt., where they now reside.
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- (17) JEHIEL WHITE, son of David, m., March 30, 1841, Sarah Cheeny, b. in Concord, N.Y., Aug. 4, 1821; settled first in Nelson, but came to Marl. in 1858, and located on the Amos Cummings farm. In 1866, he removed to South Keene, and thence to Swanzey, where he was killed by the fall of a tree, Feb. 15, 1879. His widow m. (2d), July 26, 1879, L. Warren Harris of Richmond. Children b. in Nelson.
- 33 I. *Emily*, b. Jan. 27, 1842; m., Sept., 1867, Thomas Mintz.

- 34 II. *Lucy J.*, b. Feb. 23, 1843; m. (1st), July 1, 1860, James Shepherd. He d., and she m. (2d) Osgood J. Bemis, *q.v.*
- 35 III. *Cyrus Augustus*, b. Nov. 5, 1845; m., July 4, 1867, Alvira Burgess; resides in Keene.
- 36 IV. *Hattie*, b. Apr. 20, 1848; d. Sept. 2, 1867.
- 37 V. *Edward J.*, b. Apr. 10, 1853.
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- (20) NOAH WHITE, son of William, Jr., m., Apr. 25, 1822, Arvilla, dau. of David and Azubah (Greenwood) Lewis. She d. Nov. 6, 1854. He d. July 24, 1869.
- 38 I. *Almon B.*, b. May 8, 1823; m., May 5, 1844, Elizabeth Elwell; removed to Whitefield, N.H.; d. June 26, 1864, of wounds received in the army.
- 39 II. *Levi T.*, b. Nov. 12, 1824. +
- 40 III. *Everett E.*, b. Feb. 14, 1829. +
- 41 IV. *Lewis D.*, b. Sept. 9, 1832. +
- 42 V. *Mary Ann*, b. March 1, 1837; m. James Newell, *q.v.*
- 43 VI. *Rosella D.*, b. Sept. 16, 1838; m., Apr. 25, 1854, Milan Russell; removed to Utah.
- 44 VII. *Elvira M.*, b. Jan. 11, 1846; m. Albert D. Heath.
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- (25) ISAIAH WHITE, son of William, Jr., m., March 3, 1834, Emily S. Parker of Phillipston, Mass., b. Apr. 13, 1806. He d. Sept. 25, 1837. His widow d. May 28, 1867.
- 45 I. *Rodolphus Harvey*, b. Feb. 15, 1835; d. Apr. 7, 1835.
- 46 II. *Elmira E.*, b. July 9, 1836; m. George H. Smith, *q.v.*
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- (26) WILLIAM RANSOM, son of William, Jr., m. (1st), Jan. 20, 1841, Sarah, dau. of David and Susanna (Becket) Sargent.
- 47 I. *Lucy Ann*, b. Sept. 13, 1841; m. (1st) Walter Stockwell, *q.v.*; and (2d) Marshall D. Adams, *q.v.*
- Mrs. White d. Feb. 7, 1843; and he m. (2d), 1847, Lucia Moultroupe of Westminster, Vt.
- 48 II. *Eleanor B.*, b. Oct. 6, 1849; m. Manly Yardley.
- 49 1. Bertie, b. in Harrisville, Feb. 21, 1871.
- 50 III. *Naomi*, b. ———; m., 1869, George Hill, who d. Jan. 12, 1879.
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- (27) LORENZO D. WHITE, son of Thomas, m., March 12,

1829, Arvilla, dau. of Amasa and Zeruah (Capron) Converse. She d. May 26, 1872.

51 i. *Granville L.*, b. Apr. 1, 1831; m., Jan. 31, 1854, Sarah A., dau. of Josiah and Sarah W. (Lewis) Bemis. She d. Sept. 4, 1879.

52 1. Emery B., b. Oct. 31, 1857; d. Aug. 14, 1859.

58 2. Lester G., b. Oct. 23, 1862.

54 ii. *Emeline*, b. July 16, 1832; m. John McRoy, *q.v.*

55 iii. *Thomas Leroy*, b. March 6, 1836; m., 1856, Esther D., dau. of Elias A. and Delina (White) Thatcher. He d. June 18, 1867. To him belongs the honor of being the first volunteer from Cheshire Co. to enlist for the war of the Rebellion.

56 1. Orren L., b. Feb. 23, 1859.

57 2. Edna, b. in Swanzey, Oct. 1, 1862.

58 iv. *Alfred M.*, b. July 26, 1838; m. Maryetta Holt of Nelson. He was a member of the 2d Mass. Reg., and served his country faithfully in the war of the Rebellion, and d. while in service, Oct. 8, 1862.

59 1. Eva, m. Charles Hudson; resides in Keene.

60 2. Fred A.

61 v. *William Wesson*, b. Dec. 7, 1841; m., Sept. 29, 1864, Kate Doyle of Kingston, Canada. He is a merchant, and resides in Killingly, Conn.

62 vi. *Luther A.*, b. Feb. 23, 1844; was severely burned by the premature discharge of a cannon, July 4, 1861, which caused his death Sept. 9, 1861.

63 vii. *Ambrose*, ———; d. Feb. 18, 1849.

64 viii. *Maria L.*, b. June 23, 1848; d. May 9, 1879; um.

65 ix. *Eliza S.*, b. Sept. 4, 1850; m. James Kennedy.

66 x. *Ervin Ambrose*, b. Aug. 28, 1852; m., March, 1872, Eliza Temple of Alstead.

67 1. Eulaloo Temple, b. March 24, 1876.

68 xi. *George Washington*, b. May 26, 1856; m., Jan., 1877, Georgie Lamphere of Killingly, Ct.

69 1. Jimmie, b. Nov., 1878.

70 xii. *Ellery Clifford*, b. July 8, 1858.

(29) THOMAS WHITE, son of Thomas, m., Sept. 10, 1838, Lucretia B., dau. of John and Lucretia (Bemis) Lewis,

- who d. Aug. 14, 1876. Mr. White m. (2d), Jan. 1, 1880, Mrs. Mirriam (Ferrin) Robinson of Lowell, Mass.
- 71 i. *Thomas H.*, b. May 22, 1839; m., Jan. 1, 1861, Fidelia E., dau. of Joel Bancroft of Nelson, b. June 15, 1839.
- 72 1. Leslie Rodolphus, b. Aug. 16, 1864.
- 73 2. Bertha Cornelia, b. May 22, 1870.
- 74 ii. *Homer E.*, b. June 12, 1840; m., June 1, 1863, Abbie Ellis of Swanzey, b. Oct. 9, 1841; resides in Keene.
- 75 1. Walter Harris, b. Sept. 4, 1867.
- 76 iii. *Asa M.*, b. Nov. 17, 1841; m., March 1, 1862, Mary I., dau. of William and Abigail (Oney) Knight, b. Aug. 6, 1846; resides in Keene.
- 77 1. Homer Asa, b. July 27, 1864.
- 78 2. Bertrand Arthur, b. Nov. 10, 1867.
- 79 iv. *Rodolphus I.*, b. May 11, 1843; d. in the army, Dec. 20, 1861.
- 80 v. *Arthur A.*, b. Nov. 22, 1846; d. Oct. 31, 1865.
- 81 vi. *Sarah A.*, b. Jan. 24, 1849; d. Feb. 15, 1849.
- 82 vii. *Milton J.*, b. Jan. 7, 1850; m., March 26, 1871, Etta, dau. of Charles and Harriet (Stowell) Smith.
- 83 viii. *Ashley N.*, b. Aug. 2, 1851; m., July 9, 1872, Julia A. Clark, b. March 28, 1854.
- 84 1. Arthur A., b. May 28, 1873.
- 85 2. Perley C., b. Oct. 5, 1874.
- 86 ix. *Augustus A.*, b. Oct. 23, 1852; d. Jan. 8, 1853.
- 87 x. *Leslie L.*, b. May 21, 1854; m., Oct. 14, 1876, Hattie L., dau. of William and Abigail (Oney) Knight.
- 88 xi. *Sarah A.*, b. March 29, 1856; m. (1st), Oct. 1, 1872, Lucius Ormsby; m. (2d), Jan. 10, 1880, George W. Shattuck.
- 89 1. Harry S., b. Feb. 28, 1874.
- 90 xii. *Mary C.*, b. Nov. 8, 1858; m. Fred Jewett, of Harrisville.
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- (39) LEVI T. WHITE, son of Noah, m., Nov. 12, 1846, Nancy, dau. of Elias and Caty (Woodward) Thatcher; resides in Keene. Children b. in Marl.
- 91 1. *Vianna*, b. Jan. 6, 1849; m., Nov. 2, 1869, Charles W. Gould; d. Feb. 1, 1871.
- 92 ii. *Eliza A.*, b. March 20, 1852; m., Sept. 20, 1874, Charles H. Dustin, b. in Antrim, March 3,

1850. He is a lineal descendant of Hannah Dustin of historic fame.

- 93 1. Bertie R., b. in Hillsboro, June 23, 1875.
- 94 iii. *Sarah K.*, b. Jan. 13, 1854; um.
- 95 iv. *Loren E.*, b. May 5, 1857; um.
- 96 v. *Sumner L.*, b. Oct. 5, 1858; um.
- 97 vi. *David H.*, b. June 27, 1860.
- 98 vii. *Charlie E.*, b. May 27, 1862.
- 99 viii. *Nellie Mabel*, b. in Keene, Sept. 20, 1870; d. Dec. 16, 1870.

(40) EVERETT E. WHITE, son of Noah, m., Oct. 20, 1853, Mrs. Melissa A. Heard, b. in Leroy, Genesee Co., N.Y., Aug. 14, 1828. He removed to the West about 1856. In the time of the Rebellion, he enlisted in the 5th Ohio Vol. Infantry, serving as fife-major, scout, and hospital steward during the first three years. He participated in the battles of Winchester, Port Republic, Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, and Atlanta, and went through the grand campaign of Savannah and North and South Carolina with Gen. Sherman. He re-enlisted in the field at Bridgeport, Ala., as veteran volunteer, in the same regiment, and was with the troops when Gen. Johnson surrendered. He was mustered out of service July 26, 1865, having been more than four years in the service of his country. He is now a jeweller in Oshkosh, Wis.

- 100 i. *Everett R.*, b. in Marl., Jan. 27, 1855.
- 101 ii. *Charles L.*, b. in Rochester, Wis., March 10, 1857.
- 102 iii. *Lulu Bell*, b. in Burlington, Wis., Feb. 7, 1861.
- 103 iv. *Gerty Adelle*, b. in Burlington, Wis., Apr. 9, 1863; d. Aug., 1865.
- 104 v. *Daisy Dell*, b. in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, July 9, 1873.

(41) LEWIS D. WHITE, son of Noah, m., May 1, 1854, Emily M. Snow; resides in Whitefield.

- 105 i. *Thersea E.*, b. Dec. 29, 1856.
- 106 ii. *Ernest E.*, b. Sept. 1, 1860; drowned Apr. 13, 1870.
- 107 iii. *Minnie R.*, b. May 27, 1862.

108 JAMES WHITE, a brother of William, Sen., and son of Thomas of Bolton, b. March 28, 1744; m., Oct. 5, 1768, Huldah Goodell, b. Apr. 5, 1750. He came to Marl. about 1781, and located near his brother William. He

was a carpenter and shoemaker, and being an industrious man gained a good living. He d. Nov. 25, 1821. His wife d. Aug. 11, 1806.

- 109 I. *Huddah*, b. Sept. 8, 1770.
- 110 II. *Ruth*, b. June 1, 1772.
- 111 III. *James*, b. May 9, 1774.+
- 112 IV. *Ezra*, b. Oct. 26, 1777.
- 113 V. *Judith*, b. Sept. 5, 1780; m. Luther Tenney, *q.v.*

(110) JAMES WHITE, son of James, m. Sally Norris, b. Jan. 24, 1778. He d. Dec. 19, 1857; and his widow d. July 19, 1858.

- 114 I. *James*, b. June 19, 1796.+
- 115 II. *Sally*, b. July 21, 1798; m. Barnabas Guild of Windham, Vt.
- 116 III. *Elijah*, b. Sept. 3, 1801; m. Jerusha Mack; resides in Windham, Vt.
- 117 IV. *Azubah*, b. Sept. 20, 1803; m. Daniel French.
- 118 V. *Calvin*, b. Oct. 6, 1810.+
- 119 VI. *Hiram*, b. Nov. 28, 1812; d. March 27, 1817.
- 120 VII. *Hiram*, b. March 6, 1818; d. Oct. 27, 1820.

(114) JAMES WHITE, eldest son of James and Sally (Norris) White, m. Lucina Hazelton of Windham, Vt.; settled in Windham. He d. Dec. 26, 1863.

- 121 I. *James A.*, b. Feb. 26, 1824.+
- 122 II. *Hiram L.*, b. Feb. 4, 1826; m., Nov. 29, 1849, Phila Houghton; settled in Windham, Vt.; d. March 20, 1860.
- 123 III. *Laura L.*, b. Nov. 29, 1829; m., Apr. 20, 1853, Augustus Blaisdale; resides in Nashua.
- 124 IV. *Sally M.*, b. May 2, 1833; d. Sept. 21, 1834.
- 125 V. *Azubah*, b. Oct. 29, 1835; m., June 30, 1853, Ariel P. Stephens of Weston, Vt.; settled in Nashua.
- 126 VI. *Cynthia E.*, b. May 5, 1838; m., Feb. 23, 1864, Henry Moors of Windham, Vt.
- 127 VII. *Hannah E.*, b. May 25, 1840; m. — Beckwith; settled in Nashua.
- 128 VIII. *George W.*, b. July 20, 1843; d. Jan. 12, 1867.

(118) CALVIN WHITE, son of James and Sally (Norris) White, m., June 8, 1811, Mary Richardson of Vershire, Vt.; resides in Andover, Vt.

- 129 I. *Elisha Orlando*, b. May 1, 1837; m. Roxanna Strong of Mt. Taber; resides in Wallingford, Vt.

- 130 II. *Jerusha Emeline*, b. Dec. 2, 1840; m. Horace Wilder of Wallingford, Vt.
- 131 III. *Elijah Elliott*, b. May 6, 1842; drowned Sept. 19, 1854.
- 132 IV. *Lorenzo Mason*, b. Aug. 7, 1843.†
- 133 V. *Calvin R.*, b. Aug. 20, 1845; m. Mary A. Coleman of Woodstock; resides in Windham, Vt.
- 134 VI. *William Warner*, b. Feb. 28, 1847; m., and resides in Jamaica, Vt.
- 135 VII. *Mary Alfaretta*, b. July 17, 1849; m. Daniel Howard.
- 136 VIII. *Charles Liberty*, b. Aug. 18, 1851; m.; resides in Wallingford, Vt.
- 137 IX. *Elizabeth E.*, b. Aug. 13, 1853; m. Leroy Howard.
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- (121) JAMES A. WHITE, son of James, m., July 3, 1851, Ellen C. Fairbanks of Springfield, Vt.
- 138 I. *James C.*, b. in Nashua, Aug. 29, 1852; m., Dec. 22, 1875, Emma L. Dame.
- 139 1. Inez Florence, b. Oct. 10, 1876; d. Oct. 12, 1877.
- 140 2. Mabel L., b. May 18, 1879.
- 141 II. *George W.*, b. March 7, 1855; d. Nov. 19, 1858.
- 142 III. *Carrie E.*, b. in Marl., July 22, 1872.
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- (131) LORENZO MASON WHITE, son of Calvin, m., Dec. 20, 1866, Hattie J. Clark of Chester, Vt. Came to Marl. to reside in 1869.
- 143 I. *Hattie Effie*, b. June 22, 1868.
- 144 II. *Lila*, b. Jan. 13, 1870.
- 145 III. *Clarence Mason*, b. Aug. 13, 1872.
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- 146 ENOCH WHITE, son of Samuel and Sarah (Fosgate) White of Bolton, b. in that town, Dec. 18, 1757; m., March 3, 1801, Hannah Hale, dau. of Ambrose and Mercy Hale, b. Apr. 23, 1776. He came to Marl. in June, 1797, having been appointed guardian of his brother Robert, who but a short time previous had purchased the farm now owned by Augustus Southwick, and had commenced to erect new buildings thereon, but had become insane, and d. July 5, 1815. Enoch took possession of his brother's farm, which he occupied until 1833, when he sold to his son Samuel.
- 147 I. *Lucy Hale*, b. June 29, 1802; m. Charles McColester, *q.v.*
- 148 II. *Samuel*, b. Dec. 23, 1803.†
- 149 III. *Hannah*, b. Dec. 2, 1810; m. Willard Converse, *q.v.*

- Mrs. Hannah White d. March 22, 1820; and he m. (2d), Apr. 26, 1823, Mrs. Zeuriah (Capron) Converse, widow of Amasa Converse. He d. Nov. 16, 1835; and his widow d. March 23, 1862.
- 150 iv. *Ambrose C.*, b. Dec. 4, 1824; m. Maria, dau. of Simon and Abigail (Converse) Fosgate of Westminster, Mass.
- 151 1. Emma Maria, b. May 24, 1848.
- 152 2. Milan Ambrose, b. Oct. 13, 1849.
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- (148) SAMUEL WHITE, son of Enoch, m., May 22, 1833, Harriet N., dau. of Daniel and Dimmis (Blish) Wade; settled on home farm, where he resided until 1849, when he sold his farm to William Dix, and removed to Fitchburg, where his wife d. July, 1880. He now resides with his son Daniel in Bolton. To him the author is indebted for much valuable information concerning many of the early families of Marl.
- 153 i. *Charles H.*, b. July, 1834; m. Elizabeth A. Wheeler of Newburyport, Mass.; resides in Boston.
- 154 ii. *Daniel*, b. Aug. 12, 1836; m. Ellen Hastings of Berlin, Mass.; resides in Bolton.
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- 155 EZEKIEL WHITE (genealogy not traced) and Alice, his wife, had the following children b. in Marl.
- 156 i. *Oliver*, b. Sept. 29, 1797.
- 157 ii. *Charlotte*, b. Nov. 5, 1799.
- 158 iii. *Polly*, b. March 2, 1802.
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- 159 GEORGE W. WHITE, b. in Grafton, Vt., Feb. 15, 1825, m., May 3, 1849, Sylvia P., dau. of Aaron and Susanna (Davis) Esty, b. in Roxbury, Feb. 12, 1828. He d. Apr. 27, 1857. His widow afterwards resided in Marl., where she d. Oct. 5, 1875.
- 160 i. *Charlie L.*, b. in Westminster, Vt., May 10, 1850; m., May 21, 1876, Abbie M. Heard.
- 161 ii. *Emma F.*, b. in Westminster, Vt., June 20, 1851; m. Erwin E. Ward, *q.v.*
- 162 iii. *Eva R.*, b. in Westminster, Vt., Sept. 13, 1852; m., Oct. 8, 1873, George Underwood; resides in Swanzey.
- 163 iv. *Clarence Elmer*, b. in Westminster, Vt., Sept. 15, 1854; d. Jan. 16, 1879.
- 164 v. *Ella L.*, b. in Keene, Oct. 8, 1857; m. Joseph Merriam.



Samuel White⁶

WHITNEY.

JOHN WHITNEY embarked at Ipswich, England, for America, April, 1635. He was at that time thirty-five years of age, his wife, Eleanor, thirty, and the sons, John, eleven, Richard, nine, Nathaniel, eight, Thomas, six, and Jonathan, one. He settled in Watertown, Mass., where he owned considerable land. He was one of the selectmen of that town for several years, from 1638 to 1655, and town clerk in 1655. His early election to these offices shows that he held a respectable social position. His wife d. May 11, 1659; and he m. (2d), Sept. 29, 1659, Judith Clement. He survived his second wife, and d. June 1, 1673, æ. 74. His son John, b. in England, 1624, m. Ruth, dau. of Robert Reynolds of Boston, and settled in Watertown, where he d. Oct. 12, 1692. Benjamin, youngest son of John, b. June 28, 1660, m., March 30, 1687, Abigail Hagar. David, third son of Benjamin, b. June 16, 1697, m. Rebecca, —, and settled in Waltham. Jonas, fourth son of David, b. June 25, 1733, m., Sept. 27, 1757, Sarah Whitteman of Lexington, and settled in Westminster, Mass.

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| 1 | BENJAMIN WHITNEY, son of Jonas and Sarah (Whitteman) Whitney, b. in Westminster, Mass., Apr. 28, 1770; m., 1794, Nancy Fuller, b. in Newton, Mass., Feb. 14, 1767. Soon after his marriage, he came to Marl., and purchased of David and Walter Capron the farm now owned by J. M. Darling, where he d. June 27, 1852. His widow d. Sept. 20, 1855. |
| 2 | I. <i>Benjamin</i> , b. Oct. 29, 1795; d. in infancy. |
| 3 | II. <i>Nancy</i> , b. Dec. 2, 1796; m., June 2, 1819, Solomon Sawtelle of Rindge. She d. Apr. 17, 1864. |
| 4 | III. <i>Ruhamah</i> , b. Jan. 11, 1798; m., March 28, 1826, Jeremiah K. Needham of Hollis, where she d. |
| 5 | IV. <i>Sarah</i> , b. Apr. 28, 1799; m., May 14, 1829, Joel Barker of Milford, where she now resides. |
| 6 | V. <i>Lydia</i> , b. May 15, 1800; m., Dec. 6, 1836, Abner Bailey of Jaffrey; d. in Jaffrey. |
| 7 | VI. <i>Benjamin</i> , b. May 25, 1802.† |
| 8 | VII. <i>Sophronia</i> , b. Nov. 25, 1803; m., Jan. 22, 1829, Moses Parmenter; settled in Pepperell, Mass. |
| 9 | VIII. <i>Jonas</i> , b. July 4, 1805; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1833, after which he spent some time in various places in N.Y., then settled in Missouri, where he d. March 21, 1869 (or 1870). He m., Dec., 1835, Charlotte Tarman of Ithaca, N.Y. |
| 10 | IX. <i>Lucy</i> , b. Oct. 8, 1807; d. Nov. 11, 1807. |
| 11 | X. <i>Syrena</i> , b. Oct. 16, 1808; m. Lewis McIntire of Ashburnham, Mass. |
| 12 | IX. <i>Harriet</i> , b. May 22, 1812; m., Sept. 15, 1835, James Hobert of Brookline; settled in Pepperell, Mass. |

(7) BENJAMIN WHITNEY, son of Benjamin, m., Oct 10, 1826, Elmira Stimpson, of Ashburnham, Mass. She d. May 12, 1862. Mr. Whitney resided in Marl. until 1872, when he removed to Littleton, N.H., where he now resides.

13 I. *Jared Irving*, b. Aug. 1, 1833; m., Jan. 19, 1858, Sarah J. Kidder. He removed to Leominster, Mass., in 1869, where he now resides.

14 1. Fannie B., b. Oct. 16, 1863.

15 2. Arthur E., b. Sept. 9, 1868; d. June 8, 1869.

16 II. *Elmira Frances*, b. Jan. 18, 1836; m. Charles D. Tarbell, *q.v.*

17 III. *George Edward*, b. Aug. 2, 1843; d. March 12, 1861.

18 DANIEL WHITNEY and wife Mary, from Guilford, Vt., warned to leave town, 1787.

19 Their son, Daniel Whitney, Jr., and wife Sarah were warned out at the same time. They had children b. in Marl. as follows:—

20 1. Joel, b. June 13, 1786.

21 2. Oliver, b. June 29, 1789.

22 3. Levi, b. Apr. 27, 1792.

23 CHARLES O. WHITNEY, son of Luke and Lovina (White) Whitney, b. in Troy, May 4, 1838; m., Nov. 27, 1861, Frances F., dau. of Hyman and Lovina (Allen) Bent, b. in Fitzwilliam, Oct. 27, 1838. Came to Marl. to reside Oct., 1866.

24 I. *Frank Russell*, b. in South Gardner, Mass., Aug. 29, 1866.

25 II. *Charles Winfred*, b. in Marl., Aug. 4, 1877.

26 III. *Robert L.*, b. in Marl., Sept. 10, 1880.

1 JOHN WHITTAKER came from Dedham, Mass. He m., Oct. 11, 1792, Juda Easman. He resided in a rude hut, which stood above the Day bridge, on the knoll on the east side of the highway. The little brook that empties into the river near that place took its name from him, and is still known as the Whittaker brook. After residing here a few years, he removed to Vermont.

2 I. *John Eastman*, b. July 1, 1793.

3 II. *James*, b. March 20, 1796.

4 III. *Juda*, b. Sept. 8, 1797.

5 IV. *Nancy*, b. Oct. 8, 1802.

6 v. *Abigail*.

Infant child of John Whittaker, d. 1805 (Fish records).

- 1 | JABEZ WIGHT was b. probably in Dublin, Dec. 21, 1769. His father, John Wight, b. in Medfield, Mass., March 29, 1736; m., 1759, Elizabeth Reed, b. Sept. 29, 1739, and settled in Dublin about 1763. Jabez Wight m., 1787, Mary Webster, the great-grand-daughter of Hannah Dustin, who was taken prisoner by the Indians at Haverhill, and afterwards escaped by killing several of the savages. (History of Dublin.) Mr. Wight settled first in Dublin, but came to Marl. to reside about 1812, and located first on land now owned by James A. White. His house stood on a little knoll on the south side of the road near the present residence of Francis O. Ball. Later in life, he put up the frame of a house on the site of the one now owned by W. W. and J. M. Richardson. Before this was completed, he sold to William White, Jr., and built a house on the old road to Potters White, being the same afterwards owned by Thomas Shapley. He removed to Sterling, Mass., about 1851.
2. | i. *Betsey*, b. Dec. 21, 1788; m., Oct. 13, 1805, Hughenos Tyrell.
- 3 | ii. *John*, b. Jan. 24, 1791; m., Apr. 22, 1813, Beulah, dau. of Abner Smith, of Dublin.
- 4 | iii. *Sally*, b. Sept. 18, 1793; m. Jesse Knowlton, *q.v.*

WILD.

JOSEPH WILD emigrated to this country from England. His son Elijah m. Amy Hovey of Plymouth, Mass., and had two sons, Ivory and Elijah. Ivory, b. Oct. 3, 1752, O.S., m. Hannah, dau. of Aaron and Hannah Esterbrook of Lancaster, Mass. He was a member of the Society of Shakers in Shirley, Mass., and was for many years their deacon.

- 1 | NATHAN E. WILD, son of Ivory and Hannah (Esterbrook) Wild, was b. in Shirley, Apr. 14, 1778. He remained with the Shakers until twenty-one years of age, when he left the Society and came to Marl. He was fond of relating his stories of Shaker life, and could well remember the celebrated Shakeress, Ann Lee. He m., May 18, 1803, Eunice, dau. of Asa and Eunice (Williams) Porter. He d. March 27, 1871. His widow d. Aug. 16, 1871.
- 2 | i. *Amoret*, b. Oct. 30, 1804; m. Elijah Gates, *q.v.*
- 3 | ii. *Ivory H.*, b. Oct. 1, 1806; d. Sept. 10, 1827.
- 4 | iii. *Maria*, b. Sept. 12, 1821; m. John Merrill Davis, *q.v.*
- 5 | iv. *Caroline E.*, b. July 17, 1824; d. Aug. 10, 1844.

- 1 | DAVID WILKINSON was b. in Sharon, Mass., Aug. 20, 1762. At the age of fourteen, he went to Walpole,

Mass., to learn the trade of a saddler. Two years after, he entered the Continental army from that town. On his return from the war, he went back to his old master, and remained with him until he was twenty-one years old. He m., Jan. 1, 1788, Ruth Allen of Walpole, b. Jan. 1, 1768. Soon after his marriage, he came to Marl., and purchased a tract of wild land which comprises the farm now owned by Wilber F. Wallace, where he spent the remainder of his days. When not engaged in tilling the soil, he manufactured saddles which always found a ready market, not only in this, but surrounding towns. He d. Dec. 10, 1843. His widow d. May 3, 1863.

- 2 I. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 29, 1790; m. Jonah Davis, *q.v.*
 3 II. *Mary*, b. Sept. 18, 1792; m. Asa Hastings, *q.v.*
 4 III. *Ruth*, b. Jan. 29, 1794; d. May 29, 1795.
 5 IV. *Ruth*, b. Aug. 6, 1797; m. Jason Lewis of Walpole, Mass., where she now resides.
 6 V. *David*, b. June 30, 1799.†
 7 VI. *Esther*, b. Apr. 6, 1807; d. March 26, 1873, un.
 8 VII. *Irena*, b. Aug. 31, 1809; m., Apr. 4, 1832, Hosea B. Gibson, of Ashburnham; resides in Boston.

(6) DAVID WILKINSON, son of David, was b. in Marl., June 30, 1799, on the farm and in the house now owned and occupied by Wilber F. Wallace. Always residing in his native town, Mr. Wilkinson's life did not abound in those incidents and adventures which generally attract a biographer.

Unlike multitudes of New England boys, he remained at home, tilling the paternal acres and learning his father's trade. Even after he married, he followed the good old patriarchal custom, remaining under the ancestral roof, and gradually assuming the responsibilities of the head of the family, as his father, by reason of advancing years, laid them aside. His parents and one sister remained with him until, at a good old age, they slept with their fathers. In the same field and shop where he passed his boyhood, he trained up his sons to habits of industry, self-reliance, and enterprise. The harness and saddlery business, which he inherited from his father, he transmitted to his sons. In 1834, he built the commodious brick mansion in the village, which was his residence until his death.

Mr. Wilkinson appeared generally to look upon the bright side of life. He was hopeful and impulsive in his temperament, and unusually active and energetic. Being also cordial in his intercourse with his neighbors, he was not one to hide away in a corner, but was interested



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in all that seemed to be for the good of the community. Hence, we find him active in the temperance movement through all the various phases of its history in town. And, for the same reason, he was always prominent in the Church to which he united himself at an early age. He became a member of the Congregational Church in 1821, and until his death was ever active in promoting its interests, and was one of the leaders in the measures that resulted in the erection of the brick church.

Though he passed the limit of fourscore years, it might be said of him in an eminent degree, up to the last sudden attack of acute disease, that his eye was not dimmed, nor his natural forces abated. He was a man that always enjoyed life, and never, apparently, more than during his last days; and yet, having always been mindful of the life beyond, he was not taken unaware by death. He d. Nov. 3, 1879. He m., Oct. 7, 1823, Patty Hubbard of Putney, Vt., b. Oct. 9, 1801, who had been a successful and popular teacher in the public schools of Marl. previous to her marriage. She was not ambitious for a wider sphere in which to employ her qualities of heart and mind than she found at the head of her husband's household. Here, the aged and infirm found her a friend in whose care they might safely trust, her children a mother anxious to instill into their hearts the principles of a manly, Christian character, and her husband a true helpmeet always ready to encourage and sustain him in every good work. Especially in his efforts to further the interests of the Church of his choice and love did she zealously co-operate with him. She was public-spirited, ready to engage in every work promising to benefit society, but particularly earnest in promoting the religious welfare of all who came within her influence. But, if one sentiment rather than another possessed her heart and stimulated her activities, it might be expressed in the words of the hymn,—

"I love thy kingdom, Lord."

Mrs. Wilkinson was remarkable for her confidence in the love of her heavenly Father toward her, even in the midst of deep affliction. Returning from the burial of her only daughter, just blooming into womanhood, she was heard singing as usual as she went about her domestic duties. Many years after, when a well beloved son had been snatched away, she met the messenger bringing the details of his death with the word, "Is it well with my boy?" meaning, Did he give evidence of a preparation for death. Assured that he did, she exclaimed: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed

be the name of the Lord!" She was truly a devoted Christian, wife, and mother; and in all the relations of life she sought the good of others, being ever ready for every good word and work. She d. Oct. 17, 1870; and Mr. Wilkinson m. (2d), Aug. 7, 1873, Mrs. Nancy (Locke) Abbott of Concord.

- 10 I. *Warren II.*, b. July 9, 1824; m. (1st), Sept. 5, 1849, Almira, dau. of Capt. Asa and Harriet (Coolidge) Frost, who d. Oct. 12, 1874; and he m. (2d), Sept. 1, 1875, Emily J. Brown, b. in Brimfield, Mass., May 7, 1833; resides in Springfield, Mass.; c. (See Chap. XIII.)
- 11 II. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 23, 1825; d. June 25, 1838.
- 12 III. *Solon Stone*, b. March 22, 1828; m., June 22, 1852, Chestina, dau. of Charles and Polly (Converse) Holman; resides in Keene; is a harness-maker and dealer in trunks, valises, travelling-bags, etc. *Deceased Feb 20 - 1912*
- 13 1. Edward H., b. June 15, 1859.
- 14 IV. Twins. { *Mary*, b. June 8, 1832; d. Sept. 9, 1832.
- 15 V. { *Martha*, b. June 8, 1832; d. Sept. 18, 1832.
- 16 VI. *Mary Eliza*, b. March 31, 1834; d. March 4, 1838.
- 17 VII. *Martha*, b. Oct. 9, 1836; d. Nov. 20, 1836.
- 18 VIII. *Cyrus Kingsbury*, b. Dec. 17, 1839. He learned the trade of harness-making of his father, and commenced business in Keene, and after a few years' residence there removed to Springfield, Mass., where he entered into partnership with Daniel C. Frost. He m., Sept. 25, 1866, Kate A. Barr of Oakham, Mass., b. March 21, 1845. He d. July 10, 1867.
- 19 1. Catharine K., b. March 20, 1868.
- 20 IX. *Oliver A.*, b. May 13, 1842; d. Sept. 25, 1843.

1 AARON WILLARD came to Marl. about 1811. He was b. Feb. 9, 1758; m., and resided for many years in Westminster, Mass., where he raised up a family of children. His wife d., and he came to Marl., where he m., March 11, 1813, Mrs. Anna (Pratt) Lawrence, widow of Samuel Lawrence, b. in Royalston, Mass., March 3, 1777. He d. Feb. 9, 1843. His widow d. Aug. 21, 1871.

2 1. *Eliza*, b. Apr. 28, 1815; m. Emery Cudworth; d. July 31, 1850.

8 DAVID WILLARD, son of Levi and Irene (Knight) Willard of Dublin, b. Jan. 27, 1831; m., June 30, 1857,

Irena F., dau. of Apollas Nye of Keene, b. Oct. 5, 1831. He came to Marl. in 1859, and for six years resided on the farm now occupied by Charles E. Howe. He now resides in West Harrisville.

- 4 i. *George A. E.*, b. Oct. 19, 1859.
5 ii. *Lizzie I.*, b. July 11, 1862.

1 JOSEPH WILSON is supposed to have come from Brookfield, Mass. He was b. June 11, 1770. He m. Eunice, dau. of Lieut. Joseph and Eunice (Matthews) Collins, and settled first on the place now owned by Mrs. Sarah Davis. He was a blacksmith by trade, and a man of great mechanical ingenuity, and could make almost anything in the shape of agricultural tools. He afterwards resided on the place now owned by James Knowlton, and had his shop on the site of Mr. Knowlton's pailshop. His house stood on the line between Marl. and Keene; and it is related of him that, when a constable from Marl. attempted to arrest him, he went into Keene without leaving the house, well knowing that the law would not allow that officer to arrest him except in his own town.

- 2 i. *Eunice*, b. Jan. 29, 1793; m. Tower Spere.
3 ii. *Joseph*, b. Dec. 14, 1795.
4 iii. *Mary*, b. July 31, 1796; m., Nov. 28, 1820, Jonathan Lampson.
5 iv. *Olive*, b. June 1, 1798; m. Jonathan Roberts.
6 v. *Stillman*, b. June 25, 1800; m. Azubah Bowman; settled in Swanzey.
7 vi. *Huddah*, b. Jan. 8, 1802; m., Apr. 13, 1825, Thomas Frink.

8 CHARLES WILSON, m., July 16, 1818, Lovina, only dau. of Samuel and Lydia (Matthews) Collins; resided for some years in Marl., then removed to Swanzey, where he d., and his widow removed to Gilroy, Santa Clara Co., Cal., to reside with her children.

- 9 i. *Hiram*, d. in Randolph, Mass.
10 ii. *Horace*, m. Eliza Chickering; resides in Gilroy, Cal.
11 iii. *Dawson*, m.; settled in California.
12 iv. *Dan*, m.; settled in California.
13 v. *Albert*, m.; settled in California.
14 vi. *Ann*, m. William Eames of Swanzey; removed to California.
15 vii. *Amanda*, m. Carson Aldrich of Swanzey.

WINCH.

SAMUEL WINCH, m. Hannah Gibbs of Framingham, Mass., Feb. 11, 1673. He was one of the original members of the church in that town. He d. with a cancer Aug. 3, 1718. His son Thomas, b. 1694, m., Oct. 23, 1718, Deborah Gleason; settled in Framingham, where he d. Sept. 22, 1761. Thomas, Jr., second son of Thomas and Deborah (Gleason) Winch, b. June 25, 1723; m., Dec. 20, 1743, Elizabeth Drury.

Caleb, son of Thomas, Jr., b. in Framingham, Sept. 26, 1744, m. Mehitable Maynard, and settled in Fitzwilliam in 1768. Nathan, son of Caleb, b. in Fitzwilliam, March 1, 1781, m. Polly Davidson; settled in Troy, where he d. Aug. 28, 1851.

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| 1 | NATHAN WINCH, son of Nathan and Polly (Davidson) Winch, b. in that part of Fitzwilliam now Troy, Apr. 2, 1807; m., Oct. 20, 1833, Abigail Bucklin of Wallingford, Vt., and removed to Swanzey, where for six years he was engaged in manufacturing pails. Selling his pail factory, he was for seven years engaged in farming, after which he resumed the pail business. In Sept., 1852, he came to Marl., and purchased the pail factory which he now owns. In 1868, he sold out and returned to Swanzey and engaged in the same business; but, having the misfortune to lose his pail-shop by fire, he returned to Marl., and purchased an interest in his former place of business, and subsequently became sole proprietor. Mrs. Winch d. Apr. 23, 1867; and he m. (2d), Dec. 12, 1867, Mrs. Nancy Winzel of Framingham, Mass., who d. Jan. 28, 1872; and he m. (3d), Aug. 6, 1872, Mrs. Lucinda (Stone) Scovell of Woodstock, Vt. Children by first wife. |
| 2 | I. <i>Franklin B.</i> , b. in Swanzey, Aug. 17, 1833; d. Sept. 17, 1849. |
| 3 | II. <i>Adelia C.</i> , b. in Swanzey, Oct. 24, 1835; d. Aug. 19, 1842. |
| 4 | III. <i>Dorotha A.</i> , b. in Troy, Nov. 7, 1840; m. (1st), Jan. 1, 1864, Fred E. Ward, who d. March 7, 1864; and she m. (2d) George Hammond of Mechanicsville, Vt. She d. July 31, 1872. |
| 5 | IV. <i>George B.</i> , b. in Troy, June 12, 1843; d. Sept. 25, 1849. |
| 6 | v. <i>Infant son</i> , b. Aug., 1848; d. same day. |
| 7 | VI. <i>George F.</i> , b. in Swanzey, Nov. 20, 1850; m., Nov. 6, 1873, Laura I., dau. of Dea. Gilman and Harriet (Atwood) Griffin, b. in Nelson, Nov. 6, 1849. |
| 8 | 1. Abbie Amelia, b. June 12, 1877. |
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| 1 | GEORGE FREDERICK WISE was b. in Elsis, in the south-east part of France, now within the territory of Prussia, Feb. 12, 1826. He came to this country when |
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only twelve years of age; and after a residence of one year in New York City, and a short time in Boston, he came to Marl. He m., Feb. 6, 1849, Sarah S., dau. of James and Nancy (Pratt) Nason, and settled on the Nason farm, where he now resides.

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| 2 | i. <i>Frederick L.</i> , b. March 9, 1850; m., March 27, 1872, Hattie Emma Clark; resides in Oregon. |
| 3 | 1. Mabel Maud, b. in Marl., March 5, 1873; d. in Oregon, 1880. |
| 4 | ii. <i>Nellie J.</i> , b. July 26, 1859; m., Sept. 10, 1879, Daniel Hunt of Stoddard. |
| 5 | 1. Fred Harvey, b. Aug. 14, 1880. |

WISWALL.

THOMAS WISWALL, with his brother John, came from England in 1635, and settled in Dorchester, Mass. They were both called "Elders" in the early records, and were prominent men among the early settlers of that town. Thomas d. Dec. 6, 1683. His son Noah, bap. in Dorchester, 1638, m., Dec. 10, 1664, Theodosia Jackson. In May, 1690, about five hundred French and Indians were discovered about Casco (Portland) which was attacked, and Maj. Davis carried to Canada. Capt. Noah Wiswall, Lieut. Gershom Flagg, and Ensign Edward Walker, with a company of infantry, marched for the security of Casco. They arrived at Portsmouth July 4, where a court was called; and it was agreed to send Capt. Wiswall to scour the woods as far as Casco with one other captain and four sergeants. Several captains desired to go with Capt. Wiswall, and they cast lots to know who should go. The lot fell to Capt. Floyd. They took up their march into the wood, and were soon joined by Lieut. Davis with twenty-two men from Wells. On the 6th of July, Capt. Wiswall sent out his scouts early in the morning, found the trail of the enemy, and overtook them at Wheelwright's pond, where a bloody engagement followed. Capt. Wiswall, Lieut. Flagg, Sergt. Walker, and fifteen men were slain, and others wounded. Capt. Floyd continued the fight for several hours, when his tired and wounded men drew off, and he soon followed them.

Thomas, the eldest son of Capt. Noah Wiswall, b. 1666, m., July, 1696, Hannah Cheney, and settled on the homstead, where he died 1709. His son Noah, b. Sept. 7, 1699, m., 1720, Thankful Fuller; d. June 13, 1786.

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| 1 | JOHN WISWALL, son of Noah and Thankful (Fuller) Wiswall, b. in Newton, Mass., March 10, 1753; m., June 30, 1774, Esther, dau. of Thaddeus Trowbridge, b. Dec. 10, 1754; settled first in Newton, where most of his children were b. He came to Marl. previous to 1800, and settled on the farm now owned by David McIntire. About 1809, he removed to Jefferson Co., N.Y. |
| 2 | i. <i>Henry</i> , b. June 3, 1775; d. young. |
| 3 | ii. <i>John</i> , b. Aug. 8, 1776.+ |
| 4 | iii. <i>Polly</i> , b. June 18, 1778. |

- 5 iv. *Beulah*, b. May 29, 1780.
- 6 v. *Sarah*, b. June 21, 1782; m., March 9, 1802, John Bigelow of Worcester, Mass.
Mrs. Wiswall d. June 17, 1784; and he m. (2d), Dec. 10, 1784, Lois Worsley, b. Jan. 16, 1760. He d. Dec. 28, 1838.
- 7 vi. *Lois*, b. Oct. 6, 1785; d. Apr. 8, 1791.
- 8 vii. *William*, b. March 6, 1787; m., July 7, 1807, Mercy, dau. of Jacob and Mercy (Totman) Woodward; removed to Broome Co., N.Y.
- 9 viii. *Samuel*, b. June 8, 1789; settled in Broome Co., N.Y.
- 10 ix. *Lois*, b. Feb. 16, 1791; d. Jan. 17, 1873.
- 11 x. *Eunice*, b. March 28, 1793; d. Oct. 3, 1847.
- 12 xi. *James*, b. Sept. 20, 1795; m., Dec. 25, 1816, Eliza, dau. of John Day; removed to Londonderry, Vt., and thence to Broome Co., N.Y.
- 13 xii. *Darius*, b. Apr. 25, 1799. Has descendants living in Adams, N.Y.
- 14 xiii. *Susan*, b. Nov. 11, 1822; d. Dec., 1871.
- 15 xiv. *Willard*, b. Apr. 10, 1805.
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- (3) MAJ. JOHN WISWALL, son of John, m., Jan. 7, 1799, Mary, dau. of Jedediah and Mary (Maynard) Tayntor; settled on the farm since owned by Hiram Collins, now owned by Charles F. Hayes. After the death of Mr. Tayntor in 1816, he removed to the farm now known as the Wiswall place, and owned by Mrs. Caroline Lawrence. He was one of the selectmen for several years; was also much interested in military affairs, and rose to the rank of major. He d. Nov. 19, 1849. His widow d. Nov. 24, 1864.
- 16 i. *Luther*, b. Jan. 9, 1801.†
- 17 ii. *Mary*, b. Aug. 22, 1804; m., Apr. 26, 1861, Philander T. Clark, a native of Greenfield, Mass. She is now a widow, and resides in Vineland, N.J.
- 18 iii. *Elizabeth*, b. Apr. 18, 1807; m. Sumner Frost, *q.v.*
- 19 iv. *Lovisa*, b. Oct. 15, 1809; m. Levi Jones, *q.v.*
- 20 v. *Laurinda*, b. Aug. 10, 1811; d. June 9, 1865, um.
- 21 vi. *A son*, b. Jan. 4, 1815; d. Feb. 5, 1815.
- 22 vii. *Henry Trowbridge*, b. Apr. 13, 1816.†
- 23 viii. *John Tayntor*, b. Dec. 21, 1819; m., Dec. 19, 1849, Mary W., dau. of Sylvester D. and Clarrissa (Johnson) Stebbins, b. in Deerfield, Mass., Dec. 12, 1826; d. Jan. 9, 1856. He d. Sept. 20, 1865. They had an adopted son.

- 24 1. Alexander, b. in Glasgow, Scotland. He graduated from Dartmouth College in the class of 1873, and from Bangor Theological Seminary in 1879. He is now pastor of the Congregational Church at Benton Falls, Me.
- 25 ix. *Oren*, b. Sept. 19, 1822; d. in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 8, 1851, um.
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- (16) REV. LUTHER WISWALL, son of Maj. John, m., Apr. 9, 1830, Sophronia Kendall of Athol, Mass., and settled on the farm since owned by Allen Woodward. In 1836, he commenced preaching in Jackson and Brooks, Me., where he remained seventeen years. In 1853, he removed to Windham, Me., where he still resides. (See Chap. XIII.) His wife d. in Windham, Me., Jan. 8, 1860; and he m. (2d) Mrs. Catherine (Johnston) Ginn of Winterport, Me., b. Jan. 21, 1814.
- 26 i. *Mary Sophronia*, b. in Marl., May 11, 1831; d. in Brewer, Me., June 9, 1836.
- 27 ii. *Ellen Kendall*, b. in Marl., Feb. 22, 1834; um.
- 28 iii. *Luther*, b. in Brooks, Me., May 19, 1838; m., April 5, 1859, Emeline Whipple of Windham, Me.; resides in Lynn, Mass.
- 29 iv. *James Buttheller*, b. in Brooks, Me., May 22, 1840; d. Aug. 12, 1843.
- 30 v. *Mary Frances*, b. in Brooks, Me., Oct. 14, 1846; d. in Windham, Jan. 8, 1858.
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- (22) HENRY T. WISWALL, son of Maj. John, m., Jan. 2, 1840, Harriet N., dau. of Dea. James and Roxanna (Frost) Farrar. She d. Oct. 26, 1841.
- 31 i. *Francis Henry*, b. July, 1841; d. Aug., 1842.
- Mr. Wiswall m. (2d), May 6, 1845, Ruth, dau. of Joshua Lawrence of Roxbury.
- 32 ii. *Osgood Rawson*, b. Sept. 30, 1846; m., Apr. 3, 1873, Nettie, dan. of George and Mary (Stevens) Hardy of Nelson.
- 33 1. Mary Gertrude, b. Nov. 1, 1877.
- 34 iii. *Henry Lyman*, b. July 28, 1849; m., 1873, Eliza Thomas.
- 35 1. Charles Lyman, b. Aug. 2, 1874.
- 36 2. Eugene L., b. Sept. 17, 1879; d. Aug. 7, 1880.

- 37 iv. *Oren Hanson*, b. Sept. 5, 1851; m., Nov. 18, 1875,
Lizzie, dau. of Addison and Mary (Loveland)
Nutting of Vineland, N.J., b. Jan. 2, 1855.
- 38 1. Mary Ruth, b. Nov. 27, 1877.
- 39 2. George Oren, b. Apr. 5, 1879.
- 40 3. Infant son, b. June 4, 1881.
- 41 v. *Frank Trowbridge*, b. Apr. 3, 1854; um.
- 42 vi. *Herbert Tayntor*, b. Dec. 23, 1856; m., Feb. 24,
1880, Ina L., dau. of Isaac A. and Melissa D.
(Stockwell) Davis.
- 43 1. Infant dau., b. June 19, 1881.
- 44 vii. *Fred Maynard*, b. Dec. 27, 1859.
- viii Mrs. Wiswall d. Dec. 29, 1859; and he m. (3d), in
1861, Harriet N. Eams of Maine. He d. Jan. 5, 1878.

WOODWARD.

The Woodward family, which was once quite numerous in Marl., dates back to the first settlement of the town; and we regret we cannot give a history of their ancestry. But the older families have become extinct within the town, and their descendants are so widely scattered the writer has found it impossible to gather much information concerning them.

- 1 ABEL WOODWARD came to Marl. about 1765, and settled on what is now known as the Joslin place. He resided here for many years, but we find no record of his family. Tradition tells us he had two sons.
- 2 i. *Abijah*, m., 1786, Polly, dau. of Isaac and Lois (Townsend) Gibbs. He is the only person known to have made counterfeit money within the limits of Marl.
- 3 1. Rebecca, b. May 2, 1787.
- 4 2. Patty, b. May 4, 1790.
- 5 3. Nelly, b. May 1, 1792.
- 6 4. Polly, b. Jan. 1, 1794.
- 7 5. Eunice, b. Nov. 28, 1795.
- 8 6. Betsey, b. Sept. 27, 1797.
- 9 ii. *Stephen*. He is said to have been the first to make a beginning on the farm now owned by Calvin Farrar. He removed with his family to Vermont previous to 1800.
- 10 1. Stephen, b. Aug. 29, 1779.
- 11 2. Hepsy, b. March 29, 1781.
- 12 3. Asa, b. Oct. 22, 1782.
- 13 4. Abel, b. June 6, 1785.
- 14 5. Elizabeth, b. May 5, 1788.
- 15 6. Jesse, b. Aug. 4, 1792.

16 SOLOMON WOODWARD came from Sutton, Mass., and was one of the early settlers. He probably resided on the farm now occupied by Almon C. Mason.

- 17 I. *Ruth*, b. May 2, 1763.
 18 II. *Jonathan*, b. Dec. 25, 1764.
 19 III. *Josiah*, b. Dec. 15, 1766.
 20 IV. *Solomon*, b. Dec. 5, 1768; m. Susannah Wilson; removed to Keene.
 21 V. *Samuel*, b. Dec. 1, 1770; removed to Spencer, Mass.
 22 VI. *Molly Holmes*, b. Feb. 20, 1773.
 23 VII. *Sally*, b. July 1, 1775.
 24 VIII. *Jacob*, b. Aug. 25, 1778; went to Peru, Vt.
 25 IX. *Priscilla*, b. Aug. 23, 1780; m. David Rugg; removed to Vermont.
 26 X. *Phebe*, b. Jan. 23, 1783; m. Caleb Warner.
 27 XI. *Robert*, bap. July 15, 1787; went to New York.

28 SAMUEL WOODWARD, a brother of Solomon, settled at an early date on the farm now owned by Philander Thatcher, which was much larger than at present, and owned in company with his brother Solomon. They sold to their nephews Daniel and Jacob, and Samuel left town.

- 29 I. *Eunice*, b. June 11, 1773.
 30 II. *Submit*, b. Aug. 15, 1774.
 31 III. *Polly*, b. Sept. 13, 1776.
 32 IV. *Samuel*, b. Nov. 1, 1778.
 33 V. *Joshua B.*, b. Oct. 14, 1780.

34 DANIEL WOODWARD, b. in Sutton, Mass., Nov. 2, 1760. He settled on the farm known as the Joseph Woodward place. He m., Apr. 14, 1786, Dinah, dau. of Robert and Sally (Newton) Converse, who d. Jan. 8, 1820. He d. May 3, 1837.

- 35 I. *Caty*, b. Feb. 12, 1787; m. Elias Thatcher, *q.v.*
 36 II. *Sally*, b. Jan. 17, 1789; d. Sept., 1839, um.
 37 III. *Daniel*, b. March 24, 1791; d. March, 1793.
 38 IV. *Joseph*, b. June 12, 1793. +
 39 V. *Allen*, b. Nov. 9, 1796. +
 40 VI. *David*, b. Oct. 20, 1798; m. Patty Moore, b. in Worcester, Mass., 1797; settled in Worcester, where he d. Feb. 3, 1858.
 41 VII. *Rozanna*, b. Jan. 21, 1800; m., Sept. 14, 1823, John Robb, b. in Stoddard, May 23, 1799; settled in Stoddard. She d. in Antrim, Feb. 11, 1846.
 42 VIII. *Esther*, b. Aug. 15, 1804; m., May 11, 1836, Silas Buttrick of Winchendon. She d. Jan. 22, 1840.
 43 IX. *Stillman*, b. June 2, 1807. +

- (38) JOSEPH WOODWARD, son of Daniel, m., April, 1817, Nancy, dau. of Jesse Lincoln. Settled on the home farm, where he d. July 18, 1854. His widow afterwards m. Clark B. Holbrook of Swanzey; and d. Aug. 15, 1870.
- 44 I. *Thomas L.*, b. Aug. 25, 1819; m., May 11, 1843, Mary A. Stone of Hubbardston, Mass., where he settled, and d. Feb. 24, 1846.
- 45 II. *Cynthia*, b. Apr. 15, 1821; m. Lorenzo Hunt, *q.v.*
- 46 III. *Maria A.*, b. Feb. 18, 1826; m., March 10, 1846, Andrew A. Stone of Hubbardston, Mass.; d. Oct. 15, 1870.
- 47 IV. *Charles W.*, b. May 10, 1829; m. Mary B. Stockwell; resided in Wendell, Mass.; d. in Ohio, Feb. 6, 1859.
- 48 V. *Lucretia J.*, b. July 18, 1831; m. William Collins, *q.v.*
- 49 VI. *Abby S.*, b. May 15, 1839; m. James Smiley of Peterboro.
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- (39) ALLEN WOODWARD, son of Daniel, m., Jan. 27, 1824, Lydia Knight, b. in Leominster, Mass., Apr. 20, 1803; he d. Feb. 2, 1862.
- 50 I. *William Allen*, b. in Swanzey, Dec. 21, 1824; m., Apr. 15, 1845, Louisa J., dau. of Silas and Louisa (Lincoln) Whitcomb, b. in Swanzey, Oct. 27, 1824. He d. March 21, 1856; and his widow m. Warren Farrar, *q.v.*
- 51 1. Edward M., b. Nov. 11, 1846; m. Elsie, dau. of Jonathan Jones.
- 52 2. Frederick William, b. Nov. 19, 1850; d. Sept. 12, 1851.
- 53 II. *Jane A.*, b. in Swanzey, May 6, 1828; m. Charles Buss, *q.v.*
- 54 III. *Mary Ann*, b. in Swanzey, May 21, 1832; m. David Woodward of Worcester, Mass., where she now resides.
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- (43) STILLMAN WOODWARD, son of Daniel, m., Dec. 11, 1834, Eunice, dau. of Daniel Buttrick; settled on the farm now occupied by Almon C. Mason. His wife d. Apr. 1, 1866; and he m. (2d), May 14, 1867, Mrs. Maria (Smith) Newell, b. July 22, 1826. He d. Jan. 26, 1879. His widow now resides in Iowa.
- 55 I. *Daniel B.*, b. Oct. 1, 1835; m., May 17, 1865, Ellen A. Burt of Plymouth, Vt., b. May 17, 1838. He is a physician, and resides in Ellensburg, N.Y. (See Chap. XIII.)

- 56 ii. *James Batcheller*, b. Apr. 5, 1837; m., June 20, 1865, Ellen L. Burnham, b. in Boston, July 20, 1845; resides in Watertown, Mass.; is a druggist.
- 57 iii. *Mary M.*, b. May 26, 1839; m., March 16, 1858, Maynard F. Burt of Plymouth, Vt.; resides in Rockingham, Vt.
- 58 iv. *John E.*, b. Oct. 17, 1842; m., Oct. 27, 1869, Lucy J., dau. of Joseph and Ruth (White) Haskell; resides in Fitchburg.
- 59 1. Willie S., b. March 20, 1874; d., Sept. 1, 1874.
- 60 2. Gerty May, b. Jan. 25, 1877.
- 61 v. *Martha Ann*, b. Sept. 20, 1849; m., June 5, 1878, Friend B. Peabody of Fitchburg, Mass.
- 62 vi. *Stillman Edmund*, b. Aug. 12, 1851.
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- 63 DEA. JACOB WOODWARD, a brother of Daniel, b. in Sutton, Mass., May 28, 1762; m. Mercy Totman of Barre, Mass. He came to Marl. about 1785, and settled on the farm now owned by Philander Thatcher, where he d. Apr. 9, 1849. His wife d. Sept. 2, 1853. He was for many years deacon of the Congregational Church.
- 64 i. *Nathaniel*, b. Nov. 4, 1785; m. (1st) Nancy Stone of Fitzwilliam. She d., and he m. (2d) Ruth Jackson; removed to Newport, afterwards to Ohio.
- 65 ii. *Lucinda*, b. Jan. 6, 1787; d. Aug. 24, 1788.
- 66 iii. *Mercy*, b. Aug. 1, 1788; m. William Wiswall.
- 67 iv. *Rachel*, b. Oct. 24, 1790; m. Jonathan Ward; removed to Troy, N.Y.
- 68 v. *Jonas*, b. March 7, 1792. †
- 69 vi. *Josiah*, b. Jan. 6, 1794. †
- 70 vii. *Hannah*, b. July 2, 1795; m., Apr. 25, 1816, Martin Rockwood of Fitzwilliam. He d., and she m. (2d), 1833, Jedediah Putney. She d. in Troy, 1880.
- 71 viii. *Bildad*, b. Jan. 27, 1796; d. 1805.
- 72 ix. *Reuben*, d. 1805.
- 73 x. *Polly*, b. March 8, 1799; m., Apr. 6, 1826, Rufus B. Phillips of Fitzwilliam.
- 74 xi. *Louisa*, b. Oct. 7, 1801; m. (1st) William Heaton of Keene. He d., and she m. (2d) Orlando Coolidge.
- 75 xii. *Sophia*, b. 1805; d. Oct. 30, 1807.
- 76 xiii. *Franklin*, b. May 7, 1809. †

- (68) JONAS WOODWARD, son of Dea. Jacob, m., Nov. 8, 1814, Phebe, dau. of Thaddeus and Ruth (Tower) Parmenter. Settled on the home farm. He afterwards sold his farm to Philander Thatcher; and, after a few years' residence on the place now owned by Curtis Capron, he purchased the Luke Blodgett farm, now owned by his son, Augustus T. Woodward. He d. Nov. 2, 1876. His wife d. June 15, 1866.
- 77 i. *George Hamilton*, b. Apr. 12, 1816.
- 78 ii. *Caroline*, b. Apr. 7, 1818; m. (1st) Lewis Cudworth, *q.v.* He d., and she m. (2d) Asahel Collins, *q.v.*
- 79 iii. *Augustus Tower*, b. Dec. 24, 1826; m., Oct. 11, 1850, Emily J., dau. of Lawson and Hannah (Blodgett) Moors of Swanzey.
- 80 1. Elmer Tower, b. Apr. 8, 1852; m., Jan. 1, 1873, Charlotte M. Streeter.
- 81 2. Lucia Anna, b. Apr. 20, 1855; d. Feb. 5, 1863.
- 82 3. Lizzie O., b. Aug. 29, 1858; m., Jan. 24, 1877, Herbert O. Wardwell.
- 83 4. Carrie P., b. Apr. 2, 1862.
- 84 5. Walter A., b. Feb. 12, 1868.
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- (69) JOSIAH WOODWARD, son of Dea. Jacob, m., Nov. 6, 1816, Olive, dau. of Thaddeus and Ruth (Tower) Parmenter. He was by trade a tanner, and settled first in Plainfield. After a short residence there, he returned to Marl., and worked at his trade for several years, then turned his attention to farming, which occupation he followed until his death, Oct. 16, 1872. His widow d. March 1, 1877.
- 85 i. *Ruth Tower*, b. Jan. 29, 1820; m. Darius Richardson, *q.v.*
- 86 ii. *Alzina*, b. May 7, 1823; m. Amos A. Mason, *q.v.*
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- (76) FRANKLIN WOODWARD, son of Dea. Jacob, m., May 26, 1830, Louisa Dyer of Athol, Mass. After residing on several different farms in Marl., he removed to Rindge, and thence to Troy, where he still resides.
- 87 i. *Louisa Maria*, b. Feb. 4, 1831; m., March 17, 1850, Farwell Cobb of Troy.
- 88 ii. *Charles Franklin*, b. Jan. 14, 1833.
- 89 iii. *Mary Sophia*, b. July 29, 1837; m., Oct. 28, 1857, Ambrose S. Wilder.
- 90 iv. *Sarah Abigail*, b. Sept. 29, 1838.
- 91 v. *James Warren*, b. Dec. 17, 1849; m. Etta Due.

92 | ELISHA O. WOODWARD, son of John and Rebecah (Osgood) Woodward, was b. in Swanzey, Aug. 15, 1828; m., Apr. 12, 1852, Mary C. Wilder, b. in Rockingham, Vt., May 15, 1832.

93 | i. *M. Ida*, b. Feb. 19, 1858.

Mr. Woodward came to Marl. in 1851, and was employed as clerk in the Protective Union Store while that organization existed. In 1855, he bought out the stockholders, and continued the business on his own account in the Lowellville store until 1858, when he purchased and removed into the store now occupied by him and Mr. Nason. Here he carried on a very successful business until 1874, when he sold out his goods to Frank Robertson, and rented the store to him. In 1875, he removed to Grafton, Mass., purchasing a farm there, and occupying himself in farming a couple of years. In 1877, he returned to Marl., and in company with William M. Nason bought out Mr. Robertson, and entered the mercantile business again, in which business he is engaged at the present time (1881). Mr. Woodward has an excellent business tact, and is one of our most popular and successful merchants. He has held the office of postmaster for fifteen years, and has been elected town clerk for seventeen years in succession, in sixteen of which he also held the office of town treasurer in connection with it.

1 | MOSES WARK, b. in Hopkinton, Mass., Jan. 10, 1787; m., Feb. 10, 1814, Rebecca, dau. of John and Rebecca (Upham) Lewis. He resided for several years on the Abner Russell place. He afterwards lived in Pottersville, and kept a store in the house now occupied by Dea. Amos Sargent. He d. in Claremont, Feb. 10, 1845.

2 | i. *Rebecca J.*, b. June 6, 1815; m., May 28, 1840, Albert Cowles; resides in Claremont.

1 | ROBERT WORSLEY was a native of Walpole, Mass. He came to Marl. probably about 1775, and was the first settler on the farm now owned by William Harradon. He was among the first to strike for liberty and the suppression of British rule in America. (See Chap. III.) His wife was Abigail Wheeler of Keene. Mr. Worsley said he was the son of Robert Worsley, who was b. in England, and whose parents d. when he was only eight years of age, leaving a large amount of property. His uncle with whom he was left in charge, desiring to obtain the property himself, put Robert on board a vessel, in care of the captain, with orders to leave him in Boston,

which was done, and young Worsley was left with no one to care for him. He remained in Boston for some time, and then took up his residence in Walpole, where he m. a Scotch lady. Robert, Jr., who settled in Marl., d. Apr. 9, 1827, æ. 74. His widow d. Oct. 3, 1843, æ. 95.

- 2 I. *Robert*, b. June 15, 1778.+
 3 II. *Arathusa*, b. Sept. 1, 1779; m., March 23, 1802,
 Jacob French.
 4 III. *Abigail*, b. March 2, 1782.
 5 IV. *Hannah*, b. Oct. 12, 1783; m., March 25, 1813,
 Nathaniel Metcalf.
 6 V. *Sally*, b. Aug. 5, 1785; m. Luther Hemenway, *q.v.*
 7 VI. *Esther*, b. Apr. 3, 1787; d. Oct. 24, 1810.
 8 VII. *Jesse*, b. Jan. 8, 1790; m., Dec. 17, 1811, Betsey
 Stone of Dublin.

(2) ROBERT WORSLEY, son of Robert, Jr., m. Rebecca Crossfield, b. Jan. 21, 1785. Settled in Dublin.

- 9 I. *George W.*, b. July 28, 1806.+
 Mrs. Worsley d. May 28, 1815; and he m. (2d) Ruth Fletcher, who d. June 6, 1866. He d. Sept. 23, 1858.
 10 II. *Rebecca*, b. Sept. 8, 1822; m., Sept. 17, 1857, Calvin Carlton, b. in Lunenburg, Mass., May 5, 1812; d. Jan. 4, 1862. She now resides in West Harrisville.
 11 1. Walter A., d. Sept. 24, 1858.
 12 2. Prentiss W., b. Apr. 20, 1861.

(9) GEORGE W. WORSLEY, son of Robert, m., Sept. 11, 1832, Laura A., dau. of Arba Greenwood of Dublin. He now resides in Keene.

- 13 I. *Elmina*, b. Jan. 3, 1833; m. John A. Batchelder, *q.v.*
 14 II. *Mary Ann*, b. Dec. 18, 1834; m. John Greenwood; resides in Colorado.
 15 III. *Ellen O.*, b. Feb. 27, 1842; m. Fred. A. Lane of Swanzey; d. May 28, 1863.
 16 IV. *Eliza M.*, b. Apr. 24, 1844; m. L. S. Holden.
 17 V. *Etta G.*, b. Sept. 9, 1853; d. Apr. 14, 1862.
 18 VI. *George R.*, b. Jan. 20, 1858.

1 LIEUT. OLIVER WRIGHT was b. in Concord, Mass., Jan. 16, 1741. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war, and also of the Revolution. (See Chap. III.) He m., 1763, Lois Johnson of New Haven, Conn., b. May 26,

1745. He resided for some time after his marriage in New Haven, then removed to Concord, Mass., and thence to New Ipswich, from which place he came to Marl. about 1775, and located on the farm since owned by Reuben Morse. He afterwards resided at the Wright place, so called, south of the William Tenney farm. They had a family of twelve children, ten girls and two boys. The old gentleman was wont to boast he had brought up a ton of girls; and it is a fact that they were all weighed at one time, and averaged two hundred pounds apiece. He d. May 20, 1820, and his widow d. Feb. 25, 1837.

- 2 I. *Lucinda*, b. Jan. 8, 1764; m. (1st) David Bemis, *q.v.*; (2d) — Chubbuck. She d. March 23, 1849.
- 3 II. *Sarah*, b. Apr. 16, 1766; m. Jeremiah Bemis, *q.v.* She d. July 6, 1857.
- 4 III. *Samuel*, b. March 1, 1768.+
- 5 IV. *Polly*, b. Jan. 24, 1770; m. John Converse, *q.v.*
- 6 V. *Lois*, b. Feb. 12, 1772; m. Samuel Wright of Acton, Mass. She d. Nov. 16, 1813.
- 7 VI. *Betsey*, b. Oct. 16, 1773; m. (1st) Nathan Brooks of Acton, Mass., (2d) Benjamin Brabrook, and (3d) John Converse. She d. in Roxbury, Feb. 11, 1866.
- 8 VII. *Hannah*, b. Nov. 3, 1776; m., Feb. 24, 1803, Solomon Davis of Jaffrey; removed to Londonderry, Vt., where she d. June 9, 1867.
- 9 VIII. *Rebecca*, b. Oct. 15, 1778; m. (1st), Nov. 25, 1801, Elisha Davis of Jaffrey; removed to Londonderry, Vt. He d., and she m. (2d) — Peas of Weston, Vt. She d. Jan. 4, 1853.
- 10 IX. *Eunice*, b. Dec. 15, 1780; m. (1st) Asahel Osmer of Concord, Mass., (2d) Reuben Barker of Acton, Mass.
- 11 X. *Joseph*, b. Jan. 12, 1783; m. Sally Law of Acton, Mass.; d. Feb. 5, 1814.
- 12 XI. *Lydia*, b. Jan. 15, 1785; m. (1st), March 20, 1814, Samuel Wright of Acton. He d., and she m. (2d) Stephen Wyman of Ashby, Mass. She d. in Marl., July 17, 1863.
- 13 XII. *Nabby*, b. May 2, 1789; m. Silas Collins, *q.v.*

(4) SAMUEL WRIGHT, son of Lieut. Oliver, m. Sally Bemis; removed to Vermont, where he d. Oct. 24, 1813. He had the following children b. in Marl: —

- 14 I. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 5, 1787.
- 15 II. *Moses*, b. Nov. 5, 1789.

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| 16 | III. <i>Elizabeth</i> , b. Aug. 16, 1792. |
| 17 | IV. <i>Oliver</i> , b. Apr. 13, 1795. |
| 18 | V. <i>Samuel</i> , b. Jan. 27, 1797. |
| 19 | VI. <i>Sophia</i> , b. March 24, 1800. |
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| 20 | DANIEL WRIGHT, b. in Meredith, May 25, 1812; m., May 22, 1840, Lucy Ann Sprague, b. in Boston, Jan. 28, 1817. He removed from Stoneham, Mass., to this town in 1868. |
| 21 | I. <i>Daniel</i> , b. in Meredith, Aug. 16, 1841; m., Nov. 24, 1860, Sarah Jane Towne; settled in Woburn, Mass. |
| 22 | II. <i>Lizzie N.</i> , b. in Woburn, Mass., Aug. 16, 1848. |
| 23 | III. <i>Nellie B.</i> , b. in Boston, Mass., July 16, 1854; m., Nov. 29, 1871, Fred A. Mason. |

APPENDIX.

NOTE I.

IN the autumn of 1880, the manufacturing company of which Charles H. Thurston is president erected new buildings, which, besides being ornamental, are a model of convenience and arrangement for which they are designed. The present structure is now composed of two main buildings, one 75 by 28 feet, the other, 80 by 28 feet, joined together at right angles, making a line of buildings 155 feet long. In the rear is another building, 32 by 40 feet, and beyond this the japanning house. The main buildings are three stories high, and designed for the manufacture of the "Companion Sewing Machine," knob-screws, etc. The work, when fully established, will make quite an accession to the business of the town.

NOTE II.

IN the spring of 1880, the Cheshire Blanket Co. greatly enlarged their facilities for manufacturing, by the erection of a new mill, 40 by 45 feet, two stories high. They now have a capital stock of \$40,000, and manufacture five hundred horse blankets per day on an average.

NOTE III.

IN the spring of 1880, the Marlboro' Hotel Co. sold their hotel to Clinton Collins, who immediately fitted up the upper part into tenements, and the lower story into two stores, one of which he, in company with Daniel W. Tenney, occupies as a general store, and the other, George K. Harrington, as a jewelry store.

NOTE IV.

IN October, 1880, Dr. George L. Harrington, on account of ill-health, sold out his practice to Nathaniel H. Merriam, and removed to the West. Dr. Merriam is the son of Matthew and Jane (Wild) Merriam, and was born in Chelsea, Mass., Oct. 24, 1854. He graduated at Amherst College, 1878; studied medicine at Harvard Medical College, and at the New Hampshire Medical College of Hanover, where he graduated, 1880.

Although he has been in town but a few months, he has already shown himself to be a skilful physician, and has won the confidence and esteem of the people.

NOTE V.

1876 was an eventful year, especially to the inhabitants of Marlboro'; and the 4th of July of that year was a memorable day to all its native citizens who were permitted to participate in celebrating the birth of their national independence and the centennial of their native town. After the joy and enthusiasm of that occasion, after communing with the past and hoping in the future, after learning anew of the virtue and heroism of the fathers, the question naturally forced itself upon the minds of many, How can their mantle continue to fall most securely upon their children, and their influence descend upon coming generations to encourage and ennoble? The answer at once given was, by having their history written out so far as possible, and put into such form that it might go down to their posterity, exhibiting their adventures and hardships, their triumphs and defeats, their joys and sorrows; and this involved the interrogation, Who is equal to this demand? It was already known to some that Marlboro' had one son who seemed to be peculiarly gifted for this kind of work, and who had for some time been gathering up on his own responsibility material to be used for such a purpose. Accordingly, those interested in the matter, and learning what Charles A. Bemis had accomplished in this direction, with one accord turned to him as the person fitted to carry forward the work so desirable, and yet so difficult, earnestly soliciting him to proceed with it to its completion. As a result, we have this history, for which we have reason to be most thankful, and which we are sure will prove a decided blessing to those who shall read it. The matter and style of the book is all we could reasonably expect. The author has evidently been unwearied in his onerous task; and, if any of us have been somewhat impatient while waiting for its appearance, we are able now, as we examine it, to comprehend the reasons of its delay, and can scarcely refrain from wonderment that it should be presented to us — so full and complete — so soon. The thousands of letters written, the hundreds of miles travelled to examine records and secure facts, the time and labor required to write out the details and arrange the different parts, all must show how difficult the work has been of producing the "History of Marlboro'." But, now that it is done, we feel to express our satisfaction and gratitude, earnestly hoping that every citizen and native-born of our town, who can, will not fail to purchase one copy or more, to assist our historian financially, so that he shall not suffer any pecuniary loss from this undertaking. He has not only been forced to give time to this enterprise, but also invest considerable money, which, as citizens, we should cause to be returned to him. We can well afford to do this when we realize, as we must, the



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value of his labors to the present and future welfare of our town. Let us see to it that he is none the poorer for doing this work, which is to render our nativity still more attractive, the deeds of our ancestors still more endearing, the old homes still sweeter, the graves of our kindred still dearer, and the favorite nooks and spots on the hills and in the valleys still more memorable.

It is not unbecoming that we should here give a brief biography of our historian, whose modesty forbids his making any mention of himself, further than his simple genealogy, in order that the readers of his history who may not be familiar with his life will be the more ready to excuse its imperfections and become more appreciative of its good qualities.

The records show that he was born in Marlboro', Jan. 29, 1848. His early educational advantages were very meagre; and, after he was twelve years of age, he was privileged to attend only four short terms of winter school. He early began to train his physical powers to hard work; so, when he was not in school, his hands were busy in his father's shop, or in some place of manual labor. Long before he reached his majority, he was skilled in various kinds of handicraft.

It is related, that, before he was ten years of age, he read the History of Dublin, N.H., and from that experience he seemed determined to have a history written of his native town. Still, it is said, he little dreamed then that it would be possible for him ever to do such a work; for, while in school, he had given no attention to the study of grammar, and in fact had gained little knowledge which would fit him for any kind of writing or composition. But, in his endeavors to enlist some one to carry out his *beau-idéal*, he failed; yet his heart was too full to let his cherished object die out, so he began to collect, in his unskilled manner, materials for such an enterprise, all the while trusting and hoping that he should yet find some one else who would be induced to take it up and perfect it. At length, he ventured to show some of the material which he had been collecting to friends. They at once sympathized with the movement, and could readily see that the subject of this paper was the one to write the history of our town. Though he had been deprived of superior school advantages, still they could realize that he had special gifts qualifying him for just such an undertaking. It was made evident that he enjoyed searching out events and reminiscences and placing them in shape, that they might be enjoyed by others; that his aim was to be correct in statement and careful in detail, and his leading desires were to do good.

Since the history was under way, he has been forced to daily toil in the wooden-ware shop. The odds have appeared to be against him. Nevertheless, by constant persistency, strictest economy, improving his spare hours, and studying by the midnight lamp, he has justly earned the title of Marlboro's Historian.

For several years past, he has been librarian of the Frost Free Library. He also had for some time a class in the Sunday-school of the Congregational Church. His influence is always on the side of general education, reform movements, and all interests pertaining to the progress of his native town and the advancement of the human race. So from obscurity, by his own efforts, has come forth the worthy citizen and faithful Historian of Marlboro'.

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“ 80. Sixth line from top, for 1776 read 1766.
“ 87. In Phinehas Farrar's account, for Plunk read Plank.
“ 148. In list of names, for Kimbear read Kimber.
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“ 571. In Levi Matthews's family, Minnie N. should be inserted as the
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“ 681. For Simon read Simeon.
“ 703. In family of Rev. Luther Wiswall, for James Buttheller read James
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